

Franklin County Conservation Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2018

Board Members present: Tony Stadlander, Scott Doescher, Jon Petersen, Bruce Harris, Sandy Eckhardt

Board Members absent: None

Staff Members present: Ned Parker

Guests present: Mike Nolte

Meeting called to order: Tony called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. @ the Franklin County Conservation Office

Public Participation: None

Review & Approve Agenda: Scott moved to approve the agenda as posted, Sandy 2nd, all ayes, motion passed.

Review & Approve Minutes: Sandy moved to approve the minutes of the April 2018 meeting, Scott 2nd, all ayes, motion passed.

Appointments: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) **Consider/sign grant agreement with The Nature Conservancy for wetland construction at West Fork Wetland Tract:** The wetland construction will consist of about 4.5 acres. We will NOT need to contribute \$2500 with The Nature Conservancy contributing \$7500. The Nature Conservancy has agreed to contribute the entire \$10,000 with our share being "paid" as in-kind labor. The agreement with The Nature Conservancy was revised to meet all the changes the Corps of Engineers was asking for - we still need the permit from them. DNR permit is finalized. Construction may start in September or October of this year. Scott moved to accept the agreement as revised, Sandy 2nd, all ayes, motion passed.
- 2) **Shooting Range signage:** Name has been changed - Ray Baltes wants to put up new signs for "The Range" & showed Ned his suggestions. Asked for a \$1700 contribution from Conservation Department to help pay for the signs - we declined. Ned will pass that info along to Ray along with a suggestion to consult with Jay in the County Engineers Department to see if he will allow/assist with the signage.
- 3) **Set date/time for County park tour and Forever Fen open house:** Potential date for County park tour - June 30th from 8:00 a.m. to noon - meet at Conservation Department Office. Open House with Pheasants Forever & the Forever Fen - tentative date of June 16th - possibly grill out in late afternoon.
- 4) **Conservation Director Evaluation:** moved to June meeting
- 5) **Any other new business:**
 - Ned presented a "2017 Year In Review" - highlights include: Birdhouse campaign has raised \$880 to date, WKW entrance spruced up, Robinson Electrical update, Robinson House demolition, Mallory Park camping pads, RPT tree plantings, goats at Creeden Prairie, Middle School prairie planting, campground hosts at Mallory and Robinson Parks and MUCH more!! Very interesting & LOTS going on! Good job, guys!!

Approve bills: Bruce moved to pay bills, Scott 2nd, all ayes, motion passed.

Adjourn: Bruce moved to adjourn, Tony 2nd, all ayes, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting date: June 11, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. @ the Franklin County Conservation Department Office

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Eckhardt, Board Member