

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The meeting was held in person at the Anette Nature Center. Meeting called to order by President Kickbush at 5:00 p.m.

Those present:

Absent:

Mark Kickbush, President
Ace Hendricks, Vice-president
Ron Miller, Secretary
Joe Schettler
Sue Boll

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Guest:

Mallory Wells, Officer Manager
Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Specialist
Monty Freeman, FWCC Treasurer

Ted Grauer

Reading of the Minutes

- a. Warren County Conservation Board meeting minutes from the regular September meeting were reviewed. Joe Schettler made the motion to approve the minutes. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Staff Reports.
 - a. Staff reports were presented.
- iii. Business Agenda
 - a. Old Business
 - i. Friends of Warren County Conservation Board (FWCC)
 1. Monty Freeman shared that Friends held a meeting in September to discuss the Prairie Picnic and how to improve it for next year. They have made committees to help make things run more smoothly.
- iv. New Business
 - a. Bylaws
 - i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the by-laws as written. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried
 - b. 2024 Budget
 - i. Tyler Seuferer presented the budget Mark Wilson has put together. This will be presented to the Warren County Board of Supervisors at the upcoming budget meeting.
 - c. Position Changes
 - i. Position changes were approved with the changes to the bylaws.

- d. Rental Rate
 - i. Mallory Wells proposed changing the rental rates for each facility. Rates were based off the day versus the tiered system previously talked about. The board would like to move ahead with the rates presented and see how that increases our rentals.
- v. Discussion Items
 - a. ARPA Update
 - i. Water Feature
 - 1. Ted Lare has finished installing the water feature at the Annett Nature Center. They have discovered a leak in the lining and are working to fix that.
 - ii. Grant Natureland
 - 1. Marion County Water will be out October 19th to hook up water. The shower building is up, and all the electricity is installed. 3 out of the 5 fire rings are installed.
 - iii. Playscape
 - 1. Kelsey Longnecker has reached out to two different companies. One came back lower than expected. She is still waiting on the other company to get back to her. She did meet with Snider and Associates, and they provided some good feedback on a few of the design options provided.
 - b. Great Western Trail Update
 - i. Staff have been working to install the trail counters on the Great Western Trail. It should be up and running by Thursday October 13th.
 - ii. Mark Wilson submitted a claim to be paid to keep the project off the inactive list.
 - c. Website
 - i. Grant is updating some of the software behind the scenes. He is hoping to have it up and running by the end of October 2022.
- vi. Public Input
 - a. Ted Grauer came and presented his desire to ride horses at Swam White Oak.
- vii. Financial Report
 - a. Sue Boll made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Ace Hendricks seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- viii. Approval of Bills
 - a. Sue Boll made a motion to approve the October claims. Ace Hendricks seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ix. Adjournment
 - a. Joe Schettler made a motion to adjourn at 6:15pm. Ron Miller seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.