

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. The meeting was held in person at the Anette Nature Center. Meeting called to order by Director Mark Wilson at 5:00 p.m.

Those present:

Absent:

Mark Kickbush, President

Ace Hendricks, Vice-president

Joe Schettler, Secretary

Sue Boll

Angie Croll

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Guest:

Mark Wilson, Director

Nichoel Church, Snyder & Associates

Mallory Wells, Officer Manager

Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Specialist

Kelsey Longnecker, EE Coordinator

Hannah Hernandez, Naturalist

Monty Freeman, FWCC Treasurer

- i. Organization
 - a. Election of Officers
 - i. Joe Schettler made a motion to nominate Mark Kickbush as President. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All aye. Motion Carried
 - ii. Sue Boll made a motion to nominate Ace Hendricks as Vice President. Mark Kickbush seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - iii. Mark Kickbush made a motion to nominate Joe Schettler as Secretary. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - b. Review of Bylaws
 - i. Ace Hendricks made the motion to approve the Bylaws as written. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the December minutes as written. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- iii. Staff Reports.
 - a. Environmental Education Coordinator Kelsey Longnecker
 - i. She presented to 14 Kindergarten classes at Oviatt Elementary School. They talk about snow, fun things animals do in the snow, then make a snow craft.

- b. Natural Resources Specialist
 - i. Worked on a sink hole on the Great Western Trail.
- c. Conservation Tech
 - i. Repaired a broken railing on the bridge at Grants Nature Land.
- iv. Business Agenda
 - a. New Business
 - i. Easement
 - 1. Nichoel Church presented an easement she would like Warren County Conservation Board to sponsor. The board will look over the paperwork and vote at the February meeting.
 - b. Old Business
 - i. Friends of Warren County Conservation Report
 - 1. In January Friends will be updating their bylaws, accepting their annual report, will be setting new officers, and are working on setting up their 2023 calendar with Kelsey and Hannah.
 - c. Discussion Items
 - i. GWT 20th Ave. Property
 - 1. Assistant County Attorney Dawn Bowman met with the residents Attorney and informed him they would need to remove their property from the county property.
 - ii. Sink hole GWT
 - 1. There was a small sink hole on the GWT trail. Upon further inspection it turned out to be larger than appeared. G and G landscaping was hired to help repair the culvert and trail.
 - iii. Middleswart Lodge
 - 1. Mark Wilson lowered the water lines between the restrooms to help prevent them freezing in the winter.
 - 2. In the future we may need to look at heating for the building. The mini splits should not be used as the primary source of heating. When it gets really cold they are not able to keep up.
 - 3. Staff will be redoing the sidewalk on the East side of the building. This will help with water runoff. Currently it pools by the kitchen door.
 - iv. 2024 Budget/Work session
 - 1. Mark Wilson will be attending the budget work session during the month of January.
 - 2. He is working on eliminating lines we no longer use, adding \$15,000.00 for professional fees, suggested \$50,000.00 in a reserve for Great Western Trail, \$3,000.00 for Grant Nature Land's campground, and \$60,000.00 for a new truck.
 - v. Grant Nature Land Campground
 - 1. We received our final invoice from Miller Electric on the campground.
 - d. Financial Report
 - i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the financial reports. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

e. Approval of Bills

- i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the claims. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

f. Closed Session

- i. Joe Schettler made a motion to move into closed session at 6:15pm. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Joe Schettler made a motion to move out of closed session at 6:56pm. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

g. Adjournment

- i. Joe Schettler made the motion to adjourn at 6:58pm. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.