

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The meeting was held in person at the Anette Nature Center. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Ace Hendricks at 5:03 p.m.

Those present:

Ace Hendricks, Vice-president

Joe Schettler, Secretary

Sue Boll

Angie Croll

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Absent:

Mark Kickbush, President

Also present:

Mallory Wells, Officer Manager

Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Specialist

Monty Freeman, FWCC Treasurer

Guest:

- i. Reading of the Minutes
  - a. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the February minutes as written. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Staff Reports.
  - a. Director Mark Wilson
    - i. Staff have been working to repair the cracks that run with the trail. They tested Cold Patch to see if it would hold better than straight tar. Staff noticed quite a difference using the cold patch.
  - b. EE Coordinator Kelsey Longnecker
    - i. Kelsey participated in the STEAM Day at Wilder Elementary. She saw over 500 kids in one day.
  - c. Natural Resource Specialist
    - i. Tyler purchased fireproof pants for the entire staff. They will use these during burn season.
- iii. Business Agenda
  - a. New Business
    - i. Easement
      1. Mark reached out to Nichoel Church for the final easement, and he hasn't heard back yet.
  - b. Old Business
    - i. Friends of Warren County Conservation Report

1. Monty Freeman stated the FWCC group and WCC Staff are really working together, moving forward, and being transparent getting everyone on the same page.
  2. President Louis Sajovic has created committees to start working outside of FWCC board meetings to keep projects moving along.
  3. They are tracking volunteer hours for EE Coordinator Kelsey to use when applying for grants.
  4. They have 64 FWCC memberships, 42 of which are at the \$50.00 Benefactor level or above. Monty is working closely with Mallory to be able to track how many people sign up for memberships to get a discount on a rental.
  5. They are also looking at redoing the membership levels so they are more inclusive.
  6. Monty was able to take their first online payment for membership. He will work to get the link on the FWCC section of the website. He is hoping to be able to use this for event registration so they will get the money up front and not have to track down payments.
- ii. All-Terrain Wheelchair
1. EE Coordinator Kelsey applied for the \$5,000.00 Warren County Philanthropic Grant. She is going to use the funds to purchase a manual All-Terrain Wheelchair that will allow school aged children all the way up to adults to use our trails at the Annett Nature Center. She is going to ask FWCC to be her financial sponsor for this grant.
- iii. REAP Grant
1. Director Mark Wilson compiled information and started an outline for the REAP Grant. He submitted it to Jane Colavecchi to review.
- c. Discussion Items
- i. Strategic Plan
1. Director Mark Wilson added a few items to the strategic plan.
  2. The board would like to see a list of items the staff would like to see done or work towards in the future. This would be a good list to provide possible donors who would like to contribute to WCCB and their efforts.
- ii. Mobile Bar
1. The board reviewed Assistant County Attorney Dawn Bowman's feedback regarding hard liquor at county facilities. The board would like to follow suit with the state alcohol guidelines and keep Warren County facilities liquor fee.
- d. Financial Report
- i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the financial reports. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- e. Approval of Bills
- i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the claims. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- f. Adjournment
- i. Joe Schettler made the motion to adjourn at 5:46pm. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.