

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. 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:

Mark Wilson, Director

Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Specialist

Hannah Hernandez, Naturalist

Nathan Reinke, Conservation Tech

Mallory Wells, Officer Manager

Kelsey Longnecker, EE Coordinator

Kato Stonebrook, Conservation Tech

Monty Freeman, FWCC Treasurer

- i. Organization
 - a. Election of Officers
 - i. Ace Hendricks made a motion to nominate Mark Kickbush as President. Joe Schettler seconded the motion. All aye. Motion Carried
 - ii. Joe Schettler made a motion to nominate Ace Hendricks as Vice President. Angie Croll 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. Joe Schettler made the motion to approve the Bylaws as written. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. Ace Hendricks made a motion to approve the December minutes as written. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- iii. Staff Reports.
 - a. Environmental Education Coordinator
 - i. EE Coordinator Kelsey is working on finishing the exhibit hall. McCullough Creative picked up items for the display and are working to get them put together. Kelsey would like the exhibit to be installed in the winter or spring. She will touch base with McCullough Creative to get a date set for the exhibit to be finished.
 - ii. The month of February she is bringing in a wolf exhibit from the International Wolf Center.

- iv. Friends of Warren County Conservation
 - a. Monty Freeman presented the updates from FWCC.
 - i. The board re-evaluated the committees and their roles
 - ii. They nominated officers for the 2024 year.
 - iii. Monty is continuing to work on the online payments. He brought in a volunteer to get Square payment set up to charge the consumer the processing fee.
 - iv. They have created a new mission and vision statement and are working on getting a new logo.
- v. Business Agenda
 - a. New Business
 - i. Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting
 - 1. Mark Wilson submitted the 2025 Fiscal Year budget to the Budget Director and is set to meet with the Board of supervisors at 9 am on Thursday January 18, 2024, to discuss WCCB's budget.
 - 2. Director Wilson is planning to make a short PowerPoint presentation to show the Board of Supervisors all the infrastructure that WCCB manages.
 - ii. Strategic Planning
 - 1. The Board and Staff reviewed the current strategic plan. The Board would like to see a separation of long-term projects versus continual projects.
 - 2. Staff would like to meet with the board to discuss the plan together.
 - iii. Septic System Quote
 - 1. Director Mark Wilson received a quote for the septic system for the Pavilion. The quote came in at \$30,000.00.
 - b. Discussion Items
 - i. None
 - c. Upcoming Events
 - d. Financial Report
 - i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the financial report. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - e. Approval of Bills
 - i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the submitted claims. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried.
 - f. Closed Session
 - i. Joe Schettler made a motion to move into closed session at 5:59pm. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - ii. Angie Croll made a motion to move out of closed session at 6:54pm. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - g. Adjournment
 - i. Angie Croll made the motion to adjourn at 6:55pm. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.