

O'Brien County Conservation Board
October 13, 2021

The O'Brien County Conservation board met in regular session at the Prairie Heritage Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Jack Wallinga, Tom Konz, Greg Burmakow and Dan Verrips.

Visitors from the community included Mary Hicks, Molly Hicks, Denise Steffen, Mike Flinders, Sharon Flinders, Lynn Burmakow, Cork Bootsma, Patty Vollink and Dave Stoll.

The minutes from the September 8, 2021 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Wallinga, seconded by Burmakow. Motion carried, unanimous.

Monthly expenditures were approved on a motion by Burmakow, seconded by Wallinga. Motion carried, unanimous.

Moved by Verrips, seconded by Burmakow to trade in three pistols owned by the Conservation Board towards the purchase of new firearms at Sioux Sales Company. Motion carried, unanimous.

Moved by Burmakow, seconded by Verrips to hire Mark Wilson as O'Brien County Park Ranger at a starting salary of \$49,000/year with a \$2,000 salary increase upon the successful completion of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, contingent upon passing the required pre-employment physical. Motion carried, unanimous. Wilson's first day of employment will be October 18, 2021.

Moved by Wallinga, seconded by Verrips to approve the quarterly report as presented. Motion carried unanimous.

A discussion was held regarding campground hosts' duties for the 2022 camping season.

The concession stand lease for Mill Creek Park is due to be bid for 2022. The director will advertise for bids in the coming months.

Moved by Burmakow, seconded by Verrips to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at the Prairie Heritage Center.

Tom Konz