

O'Brien County Conservation Board
December 13, 2021

The O'Brien County Conservation board met in regular session at the Prairie Heritage Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. In attendance were: Jack Wallinga, Tom Konz, Dan Verrips, Greg Burmakow and Kathy Luedke.

Visitors from the community included Denise Steffen, Lynn Burmakow, Dave Stoll, Patty Vollink, Terry Feekes, Mari Radtke and Mike Flinders.

The minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Wallinga, seconded by Burmakow. Motion carried, unanimous.

Monthly expenditures including the purchase of a DCT dump trailer were approved on a motion by Verrips, seconded by Luedke. Motion carried, unanimous.

Campground host contracts for the 2022 camping season were approved as presented on a motion by Burmakow, seconded by Wallinga. Motion carried, unanimous. The campground host positions will be advertised in the coming months.

Moved by Verrips, seconded by Burmakow to accept the bid from AgriVision Equipment Group in Paullina for trading in two lawnmowers towards the purchase of new mowers with a balance due of \$6500. Motion carried, unanimous.

A discussion was held regarding the continued development of a 5-year plan. Short-term and long-term goals will be refined and a plan finalized during the winter months.

Moved by Burmakow, seconded by Verrips, to appoint Tom Konz as the chairman and Kathy Luedke as the vice chairman of the O'Brien County Conservation Board for 2022. Motion carried, unanimous.

Moved by Luedke, seconded Wallinga, to approve the law enforcement training contract for Mark Wilson as presented. Motion carried, unanimous. Wilson will attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy training beginning in January, 2022.

Moved by Luedke, seconded Burmakow, to approve the Prairie Heritage Center independent contractor cleaning agreement as presented. Motion carried, unanimous. The contract will be advertised in the coming months in an effort to assure that all those who may be interested have the opportunity to apply.

Moved by Burmakow, seconded Verrips, to approve the Mill Creek Concession Stand contract as presented, and set the minimum bid for the contract at \$1000/year. Motion carried, unanimous.

Moved by Burmakow, seconded Verrips, to approve allocating \$24,500 towards the next phase of the conceptual and schematic design for the Prairie Heritage Center exhibits. Kraemer Design and Production, Inc. will be contacted and instructed to keep moving forward with this project.

An initial discussion was held regarding the fiscal year 2023 budget numbers. The proposed budget will be presented to the board at the January, 2022 meeting.

Moved by Burmakow, seconded by Luedke to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Prairie Heritage Center.

