

O'Brien County Conservation Board
March 9, 2022

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, Dan Verrips, Greg Burmakow and Kathy Luedke.

15 visitors from the community were present.

The minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Burmakow, seconded by Verrips. Motion carried, unanimous.

The minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Wallinga, seconded by Verrips. Motion carried, unanimous.

The minutes from the February 25, 2022 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Luedke, seconded by Burmakow. Motion carried, unanimous.

Monthly expenditures were approved on a motion by Luedke, seconded by Verrips. Motion carried, unanimous.

A one-time carry-over of comp time for all staff until April 1, 2023 was approved on a motion by Luedke, second by Wallinga. Motion carried unanimous.

Application for the Iowa DNR community forestry grant was approved on a motion by Wallinga, second by Burmakow. Motion carried, unanimous.

The bid for Doug and Deb Ebel to run the Mill Creek Concession Stand was approved for \$1000/year through the 2024 camping season on a motion by Wallinga, second by Luedke. Motion carried, unanimous.

A discussion was held about the potential for a management agreement with Osceola rural water for OCCB to manage the adjoining property to the west of the Prairie Heritage Center. The Director will proceed with discussion and developing the agreement.

The Job description for the office manager position was approved with a salary range of \$38,000-46,000 on a motion by Burmakow, second by Verrips. Motion carried, unanimous.

A discussion was held about promoting Abbie Parker to environmental education coordinator and Mark Wilson to operations supervisor. These promotions with a \$2000 pay increase effective July 1, 2022 were approved on a motion by Wallinga, second by Luedke. Motion carried, unanimous.

Adjourn at 8:04pm on a motion by Burmakow, second by Verrips.
