

O'Brien County Conservation Board
May 16, 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: Tom Konz, Dan Verrips, Greg Burmakow, Jack Wallinga and Kathy Luedke.

20 visitors from the community were present.

The minutes from the April 13, 2022 7:00 pm meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Wallinga, seconded by Luedke. Motion carried, unanimous.

Monthly expenditures were approved with a hold for Thrasher check payment for one week on a motion by Burmakow, seconded by Verrips. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion for 5 year plan was covered with new information to be emailed to Travis.

Approval of contract for recreational rental and bait sales out of the old concession building at Mill Creek Park Building pending approval with director discretion, of pending applicants on a motion by Luedke, second by Verrips.. Motion carried, unanimous.

The land management plan for the Hannibal Waterman Property was outlined and map provided for the burn unit plan to be used moving forward on a motion by Verrips, second by Luedke.

The hire of 1 additional seasonal employee, Tristian Wilson was approved pending physical and drug screening on a motion by Burmakow, second by Wallinga. Motion carried, unanimous.

The hire of Hannah Hernandez as Naturalist at a rate of \$38,000/year with a 6 months evaluation with potential for increased compensation was approved on a motion by Luedke, second by Wallinga. Motion carried, with a 4 to 1 vote.

A discussion was held to approve playground fall zone material. Chopped rubber will be purchased for the 3 new playground sets. This was approved on a motion by Burmakow, second by Verrips. Motion carried, Unanimous.

A discussion was held about the Douma Park Property lines. Moving forward with talking with the family about selling options.

Directors Report was noted that over 500 youth contacts have been made with classroom visits and field trips. New toilets, door locks, mowing and seeding have been completed as well as minor shower building repairs. Design work has started for the Prairie Heritage Center project.

Adjourn at 8:54pm on a motion by Wallinga, second by Burmakow.
