

O'BRIEN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

September 19, 2022

The O'Brien County Conservation Board meet in regular session at the Prairie Heritage Center September 19, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were: Tom Knoz, Kathy Luedke, Dan Verrips, Greg Burmakow and Jack Wallinga. 10 visitors from the community were present.

The minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Wallinga, seconded by Verrips.

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

Short term/long term plan was discussed, and short-term items included: visit all locations that are under conservation lease or ownership, look at a septic system expansion at Mill Creek Park and septic and rural water at Tjossem.

Douma Park Property update was presented by Travis Scott. Land appraisal report by Vander Werff & Associates has not been received.

Discussion of vehicle purchase was presented with three bids including: 2023 Ram tradesman, 2023 Ram bighorn and 2023 Ram 1500 SSV. Place the order for the 2023 Ram 1500 SSV at the State Bid price of \$40,194 on a motion by Verrips, seconded by Burmakow. Motion carried, unanimous.

Camping and Cabin/Bin rates will be increased to Mill Creek Park camping-\$25 per night, seasonal \$3000 for the five month season, Cabins-6 person-\$45 per night with a final cost per first night of \$53.50 (tax & fees included) second night additional \$49.50 for a two night total of \$103, Cabins-12 person-\$120 per night with a final cost per night of \$136 (tax & fees included) second night additional \$132 for a two night total of \$268, Lodge will have a final cost of \$59 including fees.

Dog Creek Park camping-\$20 per night, seasonal \$2200 if paid in full at start of the season or \$450 if paid monthly, Cabins-6 person-\$45 per night with a final cost per first night of \$53.50 (tax & fees included) second night additional \$49.50 for a two night total of \$103, Bins-12 person-\$150 per night with a final cost per night of \$169 (tax & fees included) second night additional \$165 for a two night total cost of \$334.

Douma Park camping-\$20 per night, seasonal \$2200 if paid in full at start of the season or \$450 if paid monthly.

Tjossem Park camping -\$15 per night on a motion by Luedke, seconded by Burmakow. Motion Carried, unanimous.

Directors Operation Report by Travis Scott presented August 27 storm clean-up with damage to a camper, awnings and trees. 550 people and 17 programs with Naturalist Hannah Hernandez in the last 4 weeks. Mill Creek Interpretive Trail project is almost complete. Last day for camping is October 31, 2022 and water will remain on until the weather freezes. Fall Family Fest at Mill Creek is October 8, 2022 and Youth Pheasant Hunt October 15, 2022. Maintenance and land management projects will continue.

Adjourn at 8:20 pm on a motion by Luedke, seconded by Verrips.
