

## Clay County Conservation Board

### Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2021

The Clay County Conservation Board met on October 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM at the Oneota Lodge with a Zoom Meeting option. The following being present: Lee Schoenewe; Hope Bumgarner; Ron Creswell; Sheriffa Jones; Bree Blom, Naturalist; and Will Horsley, Director.

**#1. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM.

**#2. Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve the October 11, 2021 meeting agenda by Ron, seconded by Hope, all in favor. Motion carried.

**#3. Public Comments** – NA

**#4. Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the September 20, 2021 meeting minutes by Hope, seconded by Ron, all in favor. Motion carried.

**#5. Director Report** – Updates were provided pertaining to FEMA/Boulder Contracting, the Lost Island Park WRAC Grant application, IACCB District III meetings, Summit Wildlife Area, REAP meetings and upcoming assemblies, and Scharnberg Park campground/cabins.

**#6. Naturalist Report** – A monthly report was provided on educational classes, programs, and courses. Bree gave a report on her additional programs/activities to include no school camps, IAN conference/training, hope haven programs, and home school events. The OCF board is continuing to meet in preparations for the 2021 Winter Frolic on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Old Business:**

**#7. Oneota Environmental Learning Center** – A report was provided on the OELC project and there was further discussion on the federal American Recovery Plan (ARP) funding sources that may be used to fiscally support the OELC project. Meetings continue with Clay County representatives as the ARP funds have not been allocated to local projects at this time. The REAP grant and other funding sources were discussed as the CCCB needs to procure the USDA funds asap. There was discussion on the ability for the CCCB to request local general obligation bond funding through the Board of Supervisors and utilize the Clay County Conservation Board's Capital Improvement fund to support the remaining balance on the project. Meetings continue with CMBA as specific elements to the OELC project need to be identified before requesting future ARP funding.

**#8. Bertram Reservation BCHIA Report** – The BCHIA efforts were discussed as members of the CCCB travelled to the Bertram Reservation to inspect the area. Recently, the BCHIA procured a private donation in the amount of \$10,000 to go towards the renovation work of the Bertram Reservation open-air shelter. It was proposed to the CCCB members that the BCHIA group continues trail maintenance and shelter renovations into 2022. Motion by Ron to allow the BCHIA to hire a contractor to renovate the open-air shelter at the Bertram Reservation, seconded by Hope, all in favor. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

**#9. Kindlespire Complex Trail System** – A report was provided on the current condition of the Kindlespire park bridges and hiking trail system. There was discussion on the development of a new trail system that would be located along higher elevations in the park. This new trail system would not be subject to future soil erosion and potentially wash outs. A meeting was held in early September with a family that would like to donate funds in order to support the reconstruction of the Kindlespire bridges. Three local contractors were consulted on the project. The bridge reconstruction work would most likely occur in Spring/Summer of 2022. It was suggested the CCCB hire an engineer to provide an overview on the new hiking trail project.

**#10. Scharnberg Park Cabin Rentals** – A report was provided on the three rental cabins located at Scharnberg Park. Mycountyparks.com (MCP) has been utilized to provide an electronic database for park guests to make their reservations into the cabins. It was suggested to establish a minimum duration of time for weekend cabin rentals. Motion by Sheriffa to require cabin rentals be for at least 48 hours (two nights) per rental contract during weekends, seconded by Hope, all in favor. Motion carried.

**#11. Audit and Approval of Bills** – The CCCB members reviewed current claims from 31 vendors. All questions regarding the current CCCB bills/claims were explained and discussed. Motion by Sheriffa to approve all presented claims, seconded by Hope, all in favor. Motion carried.

**#12. Adjournment** – adjournment of the meeting.

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CCCB, Secretary

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Date