

Clay County Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2022

The Clay County Conservation Board met on June 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting. The following participants being present: Lee Schoenewe; Ron Creswell; Hope Bumgarner; Sheriffa Jones; Burlin Matthews; Ann Baschke; and Will Horsley, CCCB Director.

#1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

#2. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the June 23, 2022 “Special Meeting” agenda by Ron, seconded by Hope, all in favor. Motion carried.

#3. Public Comments – NA

#4. Approval of Minutes – NA

#5. Director Report – NA

#6. Naturalist Report – NA

Old Business:

#7. Oneota Environmental Learning Center – A report/update was provided on the USDA REDL&G funding source. A meeting was held on June 20th with all vested USDA REDL&G personnel and agency representatives to discuss progression with the funding sources. During the June 20th meeting, Mr. Barry Sackett, Clay County Attorney’s office, provided an overview and discussed future options for the USDA REDL&G. It was suggested the CCCB hire, Alhers and Cooney, Attorney Mr. Steve Nadel, in order to provide the legal opinion/counsel required through SMU. There was discussion on the B.O.S. being updated on this process and the fee involved with hiring Alhers and Cooney. It was estimated total expenditure amount will not exceed \$25,000.00. There was discussion on the total USDA REDL&G loan amount of \$720,000.00 and how important that is to the success of the OELC project. Motion by Sheriffa to hire Alhers and Cooney in order to proceed with the legal work as it is required for the USDA REDL&G, seconded by Ron, all in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: - NA

#8. Audit and Approval of Bills – NA

#9. Adjournment – adjournment of the meeting by the CCCB Chairman.

CCCB, Secretary

Date