

## Clay County Conservation Board

### Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2022

The Clay County Conservation Board met on May 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Meeting. The following participants being present: Lee Schoenewe; John Sheridan; Ron Creswell; Barry Sackett; and Will Horsley, CCCB Director.

**#1. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

**#2. Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve the May 9, 2022 meeting agenda by Ron, seconded by John, all in favor. Motion carried.

**#3. Public Comments** – NA

**#4. Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the April 11, 2022 meeting minutes by John, seconded by Ron, all in favor. Motion carried.

**#5. Director Report** – A report was provided on the current FY budget, Kindlespire Complex trail system, Rx fire operations and the NW Iowa burn alliance, 2022 grazing contract on the Kindlespire Complex, Nelson Tract cropping contract, 28E Shooting Range documents, and Scharnberg Park.

**#6. Naturalist Report** – A report was provided pertaining to Bree and her transition back to work from her maternity leave. There was discussion on the future of the CCCB's environmental education programs, the OELC, and the potential requirements for additional educational assistants/staff.

#### **Old Business:**

**#7. Oneota Environmental Learning Center** – A report/update was provided on the OELC project. Mr. Barry Sackett, Clay County Attorney's office, provided an overview on the REDL&G funding source and is working with SMU to clarify questions. Mr. Sackett has requested another opinion be provided on the OELC situation. Additional funding options/sources were discussed pertaining to the OELC project. Currently, another grant has been composed, and will be submitted, requesting additional public funding for ADA/Handicap accessibility components to the OELC.

#### **New Business:**

**#8. IACCB Board Member Training/Handbook Review** – A review of the IACCB board member handbook was conducted. There was discussion on board member prerequisites to serve and, after a complete review, it was determined all five CCCB Members met any/all service objectives, to include ownership of property in Clay County. IACCB CEO, Mr. Tom Hazelton was consulted and provided his professional opinion and approval of the CCCB's five board members. It was suggested the CCCB members review the IACCB Board Member handbook annually in order to maintain their knowledge of the IACCB document.

**#9. Audit and Approval of Bills** – The CCCB members reviewed current claims from vendors and any/all questions were answered. Motion by Ron to approve all presented claims, seconded by John, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Hope Bumgarner  
CCCB, Secretary

6/13/22  
Date