



**SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
WEST LAKE PARK HEADQUARTERS**

February 11, 2015

Board Members Present:

Carol Fennelly
Gene Weis
Richard Mohr

Board Members Absent:

John O'Donnell
Beth McAleer

Others Present:

Roger A. Kean, Director
Marc Miller, Deputy Director
Barb Harden, Administrative Assistant
Dave Ong, Scott County Park Manager

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to approve the minutes from the January meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed and discussed for the month of January.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Weis to approve the bills from January as presented, seconded by Mr. Mohr, all in favor and passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

- Letter from Burns & McDonnell regarding Clinton Natural Gas Pipeline Route Selection Study

The department was contacted by Burns & McDonnell as they are in the early planning process to obtain input on resources and issues to be considered in their pipeline route selection process. Mr. Kean will be responding with concerns about the pipeline route possibly affecting Lost Grove Lake, Scott County Park, and Cody Homestead.

BUSINESS:

Approval of 2014 Deer Report & 2015 Recommendations:

Dave Ong, Scott County Park Manager was present at the meeting to review the report and recommendations with the Board. Mr. Ong explained that to conduct the hunt, as it is now, takes about 250 staff hours with a rough estimate of \$7,000 of added expenses annually for the two days of the hunt. With the stability of the deer herd size and the corresponding lower number of deer needing to be removed, staff is proposing to stop the shotgun hunt and implement an extended archery only hunt. Doing this would eliminate the closure of Scott County Park and associated extra staff hours to close the park and conduct the hunt itself. Staff would continue the application process and safety training as it now stands.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to approve the 2014 Final Deer Report and 2015 Recommendations suspending shotgun hunting for 2015 and the implementation of an extended archery only hunt, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Approval of Special Event Application from Iron Lion Disc Golf for tournament at WLP on April 24th – April 26th:

This is an annual event and staff recommends approval.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Weis to approve the Special Event application from the Iron Lion Disc Golf tournament at WLP charging shelter fees, \$50 admin fees and a \$150 refundable damage deposit, seconded by Mr. Mohr, all in favor and passed.

Approval of FY15-16 Turf Chemical & Seed bids for Glynn's Creek:

This is a routine yearly item and staff recommends approval. All pricing and products were handled through the Bi-State Regional Commission.

D & K Products	\$7,552.76 (includes Parks)
Pace Supply	\$4,656.00
VanDiest Supply Co	\$3,908.86 (includes Parks)
River City Turf	\$1,807.88 (includes Parks)
Winfield	\$824.88 (includes Parks)
Zimco Supply co	\$1,098.00
Tyler Enterprises	\$3,492.00

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to approve the FY15-16 Turf Chemical & Seed Bids for Glynn's Creek Golf Course in the total amount of \$23,340.38 with a portion of the order being delivered and paid from the FY16 budget, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Approval of Request from Glynn's Creek Golf Course to Offer a Junior Season Pass to Active Players at North Scott High School:

This is an annual request and the Board is in favor of supporting the North Scott High School golf club.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Weis to approve request from Glynn's Creek Golf Course to Offer a Junior Season Pass to Active Players at North Scott High School, seconded by Mr. Mohr, all in favor and passed.

Designation of Lorenzen bequest for the Wapsi Center:

This bequest will be used for the future development of the Wapsi environmental education center and in addition, the staff will be looking at applying for grants to supplement possible building plans. The money at this time is in a 24 month certificate of deposit.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to proceed with development plans for the Wapsi Environmental Education Center, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Review of County Administration Budget Presentation:

Mr. Kean explained to the Board that the County as a whole, is not experiencing any growth and revenues are declining at this time. Nonetheless the County is still in good financial health and continues to explore opportunities to overcome any declines in revenue.

Lake Canyada Update:

At the time of this meeting, Mr. Kean has not heard anything further from the new owner. There was a problem with a manhole that was plugged and leaking at Lake Canyada. The Health Department was contacted along with the DNR and they got in touch with the owners who then fixed the problem.

Staff Reports

Summary of monthly highlights from each department.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at West Lake Park Headquarters.

MOTION:

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Weis, seconded by Mr. Mohr, all in favor and passed.


Chairman


Secretary/Treasurer