

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 24, 2025, at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Caldwell Park. Board Chair Curt Jager called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Other members of the Board present at the meeting were Linda Fox, Chuck Webb, Steve Dixon and Jennifer Peterson. The members of staff present were Director Chris Clingan, Admin Assistant Molly Hicks and Naturalist Laura DeCook. Present from the public was Terry Dvorak from Red Lion Solar.

Board Chair Jager asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Webb. Seconded by Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes were discussed.

- I. Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2025, board meeting. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Expenditures were reviewed.

- I. A few items on the expenditures list were discussed.
- II. Webb made a motion to approve the expenditures. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Red Lion Solar proposed placing solar panels at the ELC and Russell Wildlife Area.

- I. Webb made a motion to present the solar panels placement idea to the Board of Supervisors. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed bid auction was discussed.

- I. Fox made a motion to have a sale bid auction for items we no longer need. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The campground host agreement was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to approve the campground host agreement. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

UTV update was discussed.

Summerfest was discussed. It was decided that it will not be held.

Senior Community Service Employment Program was discussed.

- I. Webb made a motion to have Mary Mraze be employed through the Senior Community Service Program. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cabin rental agreement changes for MCP website and permission to open a checking account at Midwest One Bank was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to approve the opening of a checking account at Midwest One Bank. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Dixon made a motion to approve the second option for the cabin rental rate. (Peak season / April 1 – December 31. Rate is \$140 a night, weekly rate \$840. Off season / January 1 – March 31. \$110 a night, weekly rate \$660. 2 nights minimum and 3 nights minimum for holidays.) Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Dixon made a motion to approve the cabin rental agreement. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

National Park Service planning assistance through RTCA program was discussed.

- I. Peterson made a motion to allow Chris to move forward with the program. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Cabin donation request from YMCA was discussed.

- I. Fox made a motion to approve the cabin donation request from the YMCA. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Playscape bids and decision to select bid alternates were discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to move forward with the bids. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be March 17, 2025.

Public comments given.

Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Chairman _____ Secretary _____

Date _____ Date _____