

MINUTES

(December 10, 2024)

PRESENT: Bridget Chatfield, Lori King, Dennis Riley, Mark Ross, Mike Palsic (by Phone), Mike Miner, Mike Meyer, and Mark Hendrickson.

Motion by Chatfield to accept the consent agenda (minutes and claims). Second by King. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director updates: The Board received updates on FEMA repairs, CRP seeding, deer blinds for the Deer and Turkey Show fundraiser, a meeting with the Osage Conservation Club, and an update on Historic Society signage.

The Board received an update on the repairs to the Mitchell Dam. They were informed that the repairs had been completed and that the refilling of the reservoir had begun.

The Board opened sealed bids for the sale of equipment. One bid was submitted for the purchase of the solar panels. After a discussion, a motion was made by King and seconded by Ross to accept the submitted bid of \$250 from Eric Jellum for the solar panels. The motion passed with all in favor. No bids were submitted for the two trucks. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ross and seconded by King to authorize the Executive Director to sell the trucks either to a dealer or on govdeals.com. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board discussed a potential donation of animal mounts for displays at the nature center. Most of the mounts were of animals from countries outside North America. After the discussion, Ross made a motion to accept the donation, which was seconded by Chatfield. The vote resulted in 4 members in favor and 1 member, King, voting against.

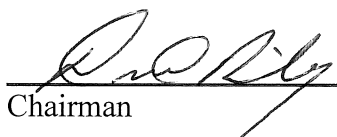
The Board reviewed a procurement policy for purchases involving federal funding. After discussion, a motion was made by Chatfield to accept the policy, which was seconded by Palsic. All members were in favor.

The Board discussed sending out requests for proposals (RFPs) for design plans for Otranto Park, Interstate Park, and Halverson Park. Ross moved to proceed with the RFP request for designs on Otranto Park, Interstate Park, and Halverson Park from three firms, seconded by Chatfield. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

The Board discussed obtaining quotes for materials needed for the renovation of the nature center. After the discussion, King made a motion to grant the Executive Director the authority to obtain three quotes and select the lowest one. The quotes gathered will be submitted for the Board's review at a future meeting. Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

No Land Acquisition discussion occurred as no new updates were available.

Adjourn at 7:51 pm


Chairman