



Chickasaw County Conservation Board TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on September 1, 2026, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Shane Fountain, Mike Pickar, and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Justin VanDriel and Caleb Ciavarelli. Guests: Jacob Hackman.

Myrsiades called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda:

Motion: Pickar/Fountain

To approve the September 1, 2026, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes:

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$3,912.62 were presented for review.

Motion: Fountain/Pickar

To approve claims for the amount of \$3,912.62. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2027 budget:

Discussed FY27 Budget

New Cold Storage Building update

Update on completion of the project

Approve Annual Report for FY 2026

The fiscal year 2026 Annual Report has been completed. Needs be to approved.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual report and submit a copy to the Board of Supervisors. (Carried unanimously)

Gilmore Wapsi Wildlife Area Timber Management Plan

Motion: Carey/Fountain

To accept the quote of Ken Knapp for \$21,034 for sale of timber at Gilmore Wapsi Wildlife Area. (Carried unanimously)

Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program Open bids and approve bids

Open bids and approve purchase for Tasks 3 – Task 8

Quotes:

Contractor List	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5	Task 6	Task 7	Task 6&7 Total	Task 8
Tom Brown – Brown Forestry & Sa	\$3,750.00						\$32,390.00
Ryan Mullins – Buffalo Creek Land Management				\$30,000.00	\$3,375.00	\$33,375.00	
Meyers Timber Service	\$6,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$11,025.00	\$61,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$66,500.00	
Miles Schulte		\$12,800.00	\$11,200.00				
Blaine Becker – Habitat on the Hor	\$2,500.00	\$9,600.00	\$8,225.00	\$18,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$22,250.00	\$23,500.00
Andy Ott – SSPI Solutions				\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750.00	

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To accept the quote of Blaine Becker – Habitat on the Horizon for \$ 2,500 for Task 3 on the Forest Resiliency Partnership Program; Post Harvest TSI work, Twin Ponds (1811 240th St, Ionia). (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Allison/Fountain

To accept the quote of Blaine Becker – Habitat on the Horizon for \$ 9,600 for Task 4 on the Forest Resiliency Partnership Program; Tree Planting, Twin Ponds (1811 240th St, Ionia). (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To accept the quote of Blaine Becker – Habitat on the Horizon for \$8,225 for Task 5 on the Forest Resiliency Partnership Program; Tree Planting, Jerico Wildlife Area (2502 110th St. Protivin, IA). (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Fountain/Carey

To accept the quote of Andy Ott – SSPI Solutions for \$18,750 for Task 6: Remove Invasives & Task 7: Chemically Treat sprouts on the Forest Resiliency Partnership Program; Invasive Species Control, Jenn Timber (1965 Fayette Ave. New Hampton IA). (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To accept the quote of Blaine Becker – Habitat on the Horizon for \$23,500 for Task 8 on the Forest Resiliency Partnership Program; Basal Area Thinning, Wapsi Junction (2596 Ivanhoe Ave. New Hampton, IA). (Carried unanimously)

Discuss Camping Rates for 2027 season

I would like to know what Board wants to do about rates for 2027 season.

Motion: Carey/Allison

to Approve Airport Lake 2027 Seasonal Campsite rates of \$2,100. (Carried unanimously)

Director Resignation Acknowledgement

Motion: Fountain/Pickar

To acknowledge and accept the resignation of Chad Humpal as Director of the Chickasaw County Conservation Board, effective September 11, 2026. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Pickar/Carey

to approve Chad Humpal the ability to work part-time as directed by the Chickasaw County Conservation Board and new Director as the new Director transitions into the position at a rate of \$38.50. effective September 14, 2026. (Carried unanimously)

Discussion on New Director and Hiring process

Board would like to set interview times for September 9 and 10 at 3:00. Director Humpal will reach out to the attorney and post the meeting agendas for the board.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Discuss Future agenda Items

Possible Board Tour after the hiring of the new Director

Environmental Education Report

Maintenance Report

Meetings this month

Adjournment:

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

*Chad Humpal
Director
Chickasaw County Conservation Board*

Mission Statement: The Mission of Chickasaw County Conservation is to enhance, promote, protect, preserve and reclaim Chickasaw County natural resources for the benefit, enjoyment & education of all Chickasaw County residents and visitors.

