Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 6th, 2026 at the Twin Pond Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Shane Fountain, Mike Pickar, and Director Andy Taets. Employees present: Caleb Ciavarelli

CHICKASAW COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2026 5:30 p.m.
Twin Ponds Nature Center Ionia, IA

Call to order
JoAnne Myrsiades called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Agenda:
Motion by Mike Pickar, second by Shane Fountain to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Minutes:
Motion by Lori Carey, second by Jim Allison to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 meeting as presented.
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Claims:
Claims for the amount of $5,872 were presented for review. Claims for the amount of $3,670.71 that were invoiced on 9/9/2026 were presented for review.

Motion by Jim Allison, second by Mike Pickar to approve claims for the amount of $5,872and $ 3,670.71.
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Fiscal Year 2027 budget:
Discussed FY27 Budget

Discuss Budget Amendment
Discussed putting a budget amendment together to present to the Board of Supervisors: looked at Directors salaries overlap and safety survey for the shower house floors at campgrounds will discuss further at later meeting.

New Cold Storage Building update on Electrical

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Discuss New Director policies and expectations

Discussed expectations from both Board and Director

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Painting at Munson Park-painting has been completed.

Discuss Future agenda Items

Environmental Education Report

Maintenance Report

Meetings this month

Adjournment:

Motion by Lori Carey, second by Mike Pickar to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5-0

THE CHICKASAW COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS

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.