



Louisa County Conservation Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 3:00 pm at the Louisa County Complex

Board Present: Josh Hardin, Joellen Schantz, Elizabeth Kling, and Shawn Maine

Staff Present: Jacob Ewart, Lana Artz-McComb Tanner Hollingsworth

Public Present: Jim Rudisill, David Roberts

Meeting Called to Order: at 3:00 pm by Maine

Agenda Approval: Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Schantz seconded, Motion passed all eyes

Audience Consideration: Moved to the relevant agenda item, Railroad Right of Ways along Hwy 70

Consent Agenda: Hardin motioned to approve the consent agenda, Schantz seconded, Motion passed all eyes

4. Director update: Received permission from Adam Parsons for the memorial donations policy language. Will be read at the next meeting and approved. Discussed selling used equipment via auction and sealed bids. Ewart will bring the list of equipment to the Board and then to the Supervisors.

5. Maintenance Report: Hollingsworth reported that Snively campground is closed due to flooding. Projects include rebuilding the Virginia Grove fishing deck and a work day/week at Langwood. Chinkapin Bluffs toilet has been pumped and revamped, the bench has been removed, and the overlook deck is almost complete.

6. Environmental Education Update: Artz-McComb presented an idea to the board about a different style of Halloween Hike where campers at Virginia Grove decorate their campsites and hand out candy in exchange for a free weekend of camping. The Board agreed to give campers a free weekend of camping 10/25-26 in exchange for participation in the Halloween Treat Hike on 10/26. All EE seasonals have ended work. She reported on grant season coming up with WCRF, Carver, and Community foundation. She indicated the desire to write a grant to pave the sidewalk from the restrooms to the overlook at Chinkapin Bluffs as well as improvements to Langwood Education Center.

7. Sandy Creek LLC update: No update, no response from contact to Ewart's emails/texts. Suggestion made to try and call the company directly.

8. Possible Closed Session to discuss land sales - Railroad Right of Ways Along Hwy 70 Determined that a closed session is not necessary at this point because finances are not involved yet. The discussion revolves around 7 parcels along Hwy 70 north of Tyson. LCC has the quitclaim deeds for all parcels. In Nov 2006 Hoover Nature Trail, Inc deeded the parcels to LCC. HNT, Inc no longer exists. Louisa County Conservation Board is on the deeds. Each parcel is around 200ft x 200ft. The Board agrees that the parcels are not serving any practical purpose and would like to move forward with getting rid of them.

Landowners have been reached out to and David Roberts was the only one who responded to Ewart.

Audience Consideration: Roberts indicated that he thought he owned the parcel when he bought the land and he definitely wants it. He also indicated that he knows the other landowners and is willing to reach out to them



to let them know. Maine told Roberts that “if he felt so inclined to talk to the adjoining landowners and let them know” that would be appreciated. Either way, Ewart will remain in contact with Roberts on the process.

Schantz made a motion to begin the procedure of selling the 7 small parcels north of Tyson on Hwy 70. Specifically parcels 0306452003, 0306452002, 0306429008, 0306429007, 0306429006, 0306429002, 0306429001

Hardin Seconds. Motion passed with all ayes.

Discussion on the next steps – prices and public hearing. Ewart will send certified letters to all the landowners offering first chance.

Additional Report from Supervisors: Maine reported on the solar project at the complex hoping to be completed by the end of the year.

Reported on a complaint from the sheriff’s office regarding the lack of mowing/string trimming at the county complex. Discussion regarding Conservation’s role mowing and maintaining the exterior of the complex considering there is only 1 full time technician right now.

Adjournment: Hardin motions to adjourn the meeting, Kling seconded. Motion passed with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024 at 3:00 pm at the Louisa County Complex

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved

Chair – Shawn Maine

Vice-chair – Joellen Schantz

Secretary/Treasurer – Elizabeth Kling

*Louisa County Bylaws regarding voting by the Chair/Acting Chair:

According to Article II, number 2.4 of the Louisa County Conservation Board Bylaws, “At all meetings that a full quorum is present, the board chair does not vote except to break a tie. In a three-member quorum, all persons present cast a vote.”