

Buchanan County Conservation Board
 Budget/Organizational Meeting Agenda
 Wednesday, December 16, 2020
 Fontana Park Nature Center, Independence, Iowa

Board members present: Mary Jean Blaisdell, Andy Crump, and Ron Wolfe via ZOOM; Loren Hamilton in person; Others present Director Cohen in person.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Hamilton

Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of November 16 meeting by Wolfe/Crump. All aye.

The Board reviewed the claims report. Motion Blaisdell/Wolfe to approve claims as follows. All aye.

Alliant Energy	\$493.48	Anita Mars	\$660.6
Aurora PLMB. & ELEC.	\$117.24	Bard Materials	\$71.20
Broadhead Materials	\$392.47	City Laundering	\$53.55
Consolidated	\$991.67	Cy & Charley's	\$229.00
Den Herder Vet Hosp.	\$41.03	Diane Johnson	\$284.82
ECI REC	\$478.32	Hawkeye Alarm	\$72.00
IA. REG. UTIL.	\$259.84	IND. LGHT & PWR	\$32.48
INRCOG	\$2130.00	Jeremy Whittle	\$108.00
JD Financial	\$285.39	Knapp's	\$33.19
LEAF	\$229.41	Myers Polaris	\$109.68
NAPA	\$9.29	Oelwein Publishing	\$169.20
Oelwein VET	\$56.45	Signs & More	\$13.00
VISA	\$162.37	Walmart	\$25.61
Waste MGMT	\$128.00	Windstream	\$276.35

The Board reviewed the draft FY22 budget, which had been distributed in advance of the meeting. After discussing various line items, motion Wolfe/Crump to approve the budget as presented, with the exception of changing the amount budgeted for regular staff wage increases to 2.5 percent. The total net budget tax asking is \$719,117. All aye.

The Directors Report was distributed in advance of the meeting, with no discussion.

The Director presented the Board with an option to purchase a new Ztrak zero turn John Deere mower, with trade of a 2012 mower. The unit is less expensive than previously purchased mowers, and has a slight cost savings as a 2020 floor model. Motion Crump/Blaisdell to make the purchase/trade. All aye,

Motion Blaisdell/Crump/ to adopt the following as official 2021 Conservation Board meeting dates. All meetings to be held at Fontana Park, beginning at 6 p.m., unless otherwise stated. All aye.

January 19
 February 17 – Strategic Planning, 3:30 p.m.
 February 17
 March 16
 April 20
 May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 15-17 – Iowa County Conservation System Annual Conference, Story County, Iowa

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 15

Motion Wolfe/Crump to approve the following slate of officers for 2021: President Hamilton; Vice President Wolfe; Secretary Blaisdell. All aye.

Motion to adjourn by Crump/Blaisdell. All aye. Motion adjourned at 6:03 p.m.