

Clayton County Conservation Awareness Network Board Meeting – July 13, 2017

Present: Bruce Blair, Daryl Bruxvoort, Sandy Caya, Pat Grau, Joleen Jansen, Daryl Landsgard, Gary Siegwarth, Cody Whittle Special Guest: Jenna Pollack

Discussion regarding the CAN providing treasury funds to Clayton County Conservation; Jenna Pollack explained financial needs for the Youth Conservation Corp Program, disc golf at Osborne, the Motor Mill trail, forestry and prairie management, and the Osborne Pond project. The Board reached consensus on giving \$1,000 to the pond project, as this most closely aligns with the Clayton County CAN's mission. Bruce made the motion; Cody second; approved. Jenna explained that they plan to breach the dike of the pond in a few short weeks and will allow it to "dry" for two summers. Work will include installing 1-2 sediment control structures in the gully above the pond, planting prairie (especially a buffer between highway 13 and the pond) to slow the water and capture sediment from filling the pond, dredging the pond, etc. Purpose is to improve fishing access, fish habitat structures, canoe/kayak access.

Summer CAN Board Retreat: 1:00, July 23, at the Jensen's (for approx 2 hours). As follow-up to the March retreat, subgroups are asked to meet prior and to report to the rest of the Board on the 23rd: Education (Cody, Pat); Outreach and Programming (Gary, Bruce); Membership (Daryl B., Joleen); Sustainability (Chris). Pete and Natasha have agreed to facilitate the discussion; motion to reimburse them approx \$125 was carried unanimously. A float (for all) will follow - Motor Mill to Gary's cabin.

Clayton County Fair: CAN will share a booth with the Energy District; set-up Wednesday, August 2. CAN members will be asked to man the booth noon - 8:00, Thursday-Sunday, August 3-6; Joleen will work on this schedule. Focus will be educating and promoting "IWill"; Gary to provide his summary informational sheet. The Board authorized \$250 for promotional materials; Daryl will assemble these.

Fall fundraiser: the Board approved Gary in moving forward in planning the Volga City Opera House event, including possibly the Driftless Sisters and Way Down Wanderers, for Saturday, October 21. Discussion included CAN splitting costs and profits with the Volga City Opera House, with some or all of our proceeds going to the Osborne Pond Project; exact details TBD.