

NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NRED) BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022 5:00 PM

Carbondale Main Street, 121 S. Illinois Ave. Carbondale, IL 62901

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Members Present: Carrier, Legan, Maxwell and Mulholland

Members Absent: Rodewald

Also present: Anthony Henson

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7292](#) Approval of May 25, 2022 Minutes
Items I and II were voted on as one item.
A motion was made by Mulholland, seconded by Carrier, to approve the May 25, 2022 and the June 22, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- II. [22-7293](#) Approval of June 22, 2022 Minutes
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Communications

Reports

- III. [22-7294](#) GIS Project
No updated given.
- IV. [22-7295](#) Pond Creek Permit: Endangered Turtles
Henson commented that he had contacted Scott Ballard who is gathering a list of potential endangered species who could be affected by the Pond Creek Permit. He also noted that the Sierra Club and the Prairie Rivers Network were interested in the results of this as well.
- V. [22-7296](#) NRED By-Laws
Henson updated the Board that he is continuing to work on the by-laws document for the NRED Board. No further information was given.
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Old Business

- VI. [22-7297](#) Tourism Funding and Needs Assessment
Legan commented that he and Henson had attended a Zoom call with Laura Payne who is a University of Illinois professor and is someone who is interested in creating a proposal for the needs assessment that have been requested by NRED. The Board briefly discussed the topic noting that this would be more of a natural resource and use assessment rather than one focusing on economic impact.
- VII. [22-7298](#) Coordination of Resources; House Boulders Infrastructure Improvement Project
Henson clarified the use of County Board Office resources and that the quote for the improvement project from the County Highway Department was correct. The Board discussed the quote briefly and decided not to move forward with the Highway Department quote.
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New Business

- VIII. [22-7299](#) Pittman-Robertson Act Repeal
This item was informational only. Legan discussed the background of the bill briefly and commented that there was no need for action from the NRED Board.
- IX. [22-7300](#) IDNR Habitat Fund: Cedar Lake
Henson briefly discussed the IDNR Habitat Fund grant that was available. He commented that Cedar Lake needed prescribed burn equipment and that it was eligible through this grant. Henson went on to say that if the City of Carbondale didn't work on this grant internally, he would work on a Memorandum of Understanding with the County.
- X. [22-7301](#) Change of NRED Meeting Date
The Board discussed changing their meeting date and time from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to a date and time that occurred before the monthly Real Property meeting. Board members were given the chance to voice their opinion on what day of the month would best fit their schedule.
A motion was made by Carbondale City Planner Maxwell, seconded by Mulholland, to approve changing the NRED meeting date from the third Wednesday of the month to the first Thursday of the month at 5pm at Carbondale Main Street. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Good and Welfare

The Board spent some time discussing the new scooters in Carbondale. They briefly discussed the need for education on using the scooters and the control the city had on where they can and can't go within the city.

Adjourn (5:31 PM)

Carrier moved and Maxwell seconded to adjourn, motion carried.
