

NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NRED) BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022 5:00 PM

Carbondale Main Street

121 S Illinois Ave

Carbondale, IL 62901

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Members Present: Carrier, Legan and Maxwell

Members Absent: Mulholland and Rodewald

Also present: Resource Coordinator Anthony Henson

There was no quorum, but the NRED board went ahead with discussion of the agenda topics.

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7226](#) Approval of May 25, 2022 Minutes
Maxwell motioned and Carrier seconded to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2022 meeting. Due to no quorum, the board will have to vote at the July meeting for final approval.
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Communications

Henson updated the board on new information he had received regarding the Prairie Rivers Network. The board was given time to review the letter and discuss the topic. Legan asked if the item could be added to the July meeting agenda so that baseline water testing could be discussed further.

Reports

- II. [22-7227](#) GIS Project
No update was given. Henson commented that he had been working on identifying all GIS users in the County and that the item would be backburned for now.
- III. [22-7228](#) Coordination of Resources; House Boulders Infrastructure Improvement Project
Henson relayed to the board the discussion he had with the County Engineer and the information he obtained from that discussion. The board discussed the coordination of resources with the County Highway department for House Boulders project, including cost and use of resources. Carrier suggested that if the County wants to support projects in the future for the NRED board, then the board should preemptively research and figure out the best way for NRED to work with the County.
- IV. [22-7229](#) Pond Creek Baseline Water Testing
This item was discussed under Communication.
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Old Business

- V. [22-7230](#) Tourism Funding and Needs Assessment
Legan discussed his conversation with Dr. Craig in Champaign and noted he was passed off to someone else. The board discussed the general needs assessments of the land/park
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organizations in the County and the conditions of those public use spaces. Carrier discussed the tourism and economic impact of the areas, while Maxwell commented on the need to protect the resources. The board also had a comparison discussion of southern Illinois vs. southeast Missouri natural resources.

VI. [22-7231](#)

Creation of Lean By-Laws

The board discussed the creation of by-laws and how in-depth they wanted them to be. The board decided that simple by-laws was a good place to start, but that there should be more information including a purpose statement. Henson commented that he would work with Legan and have something prepared for the July meeting for discussion.

New Business

Good and Welfare

VII. [22-7232](#)

Movement for Shawnee National Park and Climate Reserve

www.shawneeforestdefense.org

The board discussed the topic of designating the Shawnee forest as a national park rather than a national forest. Maxwell commented on what she thought would happen if the change became a reality. The board ended the discussion noting there were no further details in the movement for this change to occur.

Adjourn

Legan moved and Carrier seconded to adjourn the meeting.