

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Kreidler at 6:04 p.m.

Those present:

Mick Kreidler, President  
Sue Boll, Vice-President  
Ace Hendricks

Absent:

Joe Gavin, Secretary  
Ron Miller

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Jim Priebe, Director  
David Youngblut, Op Coordinator  
Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Naturalist II  
Mark Wilson, Natural Resources Specialist  
Doug Gaumer, Conservation Technician  
Tyler Seuferer, Conservation Technician

Absent:

Logan Roberts, Naturalist I

Guest(s): Teva Dawson, Senior Planner, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Area

- ii. The minutes of the July 2016 were reviewed. Sue Boll moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Ace Hendricks seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iii. July 2016 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted.

During staff reports, the Board directed that the September 14, 2016 meeting be held in Cumming and include a tour of the proposed corridor for the Veterans Memorial Parkway and its potential impact on the Great Western Trail

New Business item 1 was taken after staff reports

Board member Sue Boll had to leave the meeting after New Business item 1. Bills were signed prior to her departure. There no longer being a quorum, the remainder of the meeting was informational.

- iv. Business Agenda:

a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:

July minutes attached to the meeting packet.

An ice cream social in recognition of WCCB/FWCC volunteers will be held September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Preparations underway fro September 17<sup>th</sup> Prairie Picnic.

Warren County Farm Tour, which includes the Annett Nature Center, will be August 28<sup>th</sup>.

2. Cumming Drainage:

Work is finished. Preparations are being made for the check out process.

3. Iowa DOT North River mitigation site reports:

Abstract for North River II is out to generate a title opinion.

4. Web report:

Attached to the meeting packet.

5. Strategic plan report:

Postponed. The September Board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. to allow the board to review timetable information in the plan.

b. New Business:

1. Water Trails plan presentation—Des Moines Area MPO:

This item was taken before Old Business.

Teva Dawson, Senior Planner for the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Area, presented the MPO's Water Trails and Greenways Plan, prepared for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. She was seeking input from the Board.

Board members encourage Ms. Dawson to consider expanding the included corridors of North and Middle Rivers further upstream and to add South River. The Board also encouraged including the establishment of greenbelts for flood protection and recreation.

2. Presentation of WCCB FY 2015–16 Annual Report

The draft of the Annual Report was presented. The Board requested adding comparisons of programming, trail use, and camping numbers from the previous years. Carried over to September.

3. Authorize director to open quotes, select contractor, and sign contract for Fish Habitat Grant:

A draft Request for Quotes for the Hickory Hills Pond Renovation was presented. A deadline for quote submission still need filled in. The Board directed that the deadline be Friday, September 9, 2016 and the successful quote be presented for approval at the September 14, 2016 WCCB meeting.

c. Other Business:

1. The proposed Veterans Memorial Parkway was discussed at length. The Board's primary concerns are to insure that the Great Western Trail is separated from the roadway by as great a distance as possible and that the safety and quality of the trail user's experience be maintained.
2. President Kreidler thanked staff for their efforts at improving intra-staff communications and stressed working on further improvements

v. Financial reports were distributed.

vi. Bills were approved and signed.

vii. There being no further business, President Kreidler adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Joe Gavin, Secretary

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# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held an informational work session on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Miller at 9:00 a.m.

Those present:

Mick Kreidler, President

Ace Hendricks

Absent:

Sue Boll, Vice-President

Joe Gavin, Secretary

Ron Miller

Not comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Jim Priebe, Director

Guest(s): Megan Andrew, Assistant to the Warren County Board of Supervisors

- ii. Megan Andrew reviewed the process of determining the Fair Labor Standards Act exempt or non-exempt status of staff. The process requires employees to meet all applicable criteria to be considered exempt from overtime/compensatory time requirements. She said that the County's employment council will be reviewing all county staff positions and that several county staff may be switched from exempt to non-exempt.

Board members asked numerous related questions regarding staff.

- iii. There being no further business, President Kreidler adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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