

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Miller at 6:07 p.m.

Those present:

Ron Miller, President
Joe Gavin, Vice-President
Ace Hendricks, Secretary
Sue Boll

Absent:

Mick Kreidler

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

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

Absent:

Guest(s): Crystal McIntyre, Warren County Board of Supervisors
Randy Edwards, Friends of Warren County Conservation

- ii. The minutes of the January 2015 meetings were discussed. Ace Hendricks moved to approve the January 2015 minutes as printed. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iii. January 2015 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted as presented. Ace Hendricks complimented Logan Robert's work on the mobile web site.
- iv. Business Agenda:
- a. Old Business:
1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:
Minutes from the most recent FWCC meeting were included in the meeting packet.
 2. Cumming Drainage:
Jim Priebe received some questions from the Cumming City Council about the status of the Great Western Trail project in Cumming. He said they had several questions and had invited him to attend a council meeting. Priebe stated he had responded to their questions and indicated a willingness to attend a meeting if further information was needed.
 3. Iowa DOT mitigation sites:
There has been some substantial turnover in the Iowa DoT offices dealing with the 28E agreements. The new staff has indicated that they are nearly ready to move forward with the projects.
 4. Bridge work on Summerset Trail:
Covered while discussing reports, bridge repair should begin soon.
 5. Chuck Lenze memorial:
Photographs of the oxidizing sculpture were shown.
 6. 2015-16 budget proposal:
The changes made after the second budget workshop were shown and discussed.

7. Approve geocache policy:
Staff asked the board to approve the draft policy. Sue Boll moved to approve the geocache policy. Ace Hendricks seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b. New Business:
 1. Strategic Leadership Committee report & board discussion:
As board representative to the leadership committee, Ace Hendricks will collect and collate board member input for the plan.
 2. Naturalist report on 40th anniversary activities:
The 40th anniversary kickoff event was held February 7th. Tom Hazelton, CEO of the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards, made a presentation on the history of county conservation boards, Warren County's beginnings in county conservation, and some possible future opportunities.
 3. Consider resolution of support for funding the Natural Resource and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund:
Jim Priebe asked the Board to approve a resolution of support for funding the Natural Resource and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.
Ace Hendricks move to approve the resolution as presented. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- v. Financial reports were distributed.
- vi. Bills were approved and signed.
- vii. Joe Gavin moved to adjourn, Sue Boll seconded.
Motion carried by unanimous vote. 7:16 p.m.

Ace Hendricks, Secretary
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