

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Kreidler at 6:08 p.m.

Those present:

Absent:

Mick Kreidler, President

Sue Boll, Vice-President

Joe Gavin, Secretary

Ace Hendricks

Ron Miller

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Absent:

Jim Priebe, Director

Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Naturalist II

David Youngblut, Op Coordinator

Logan Roberts, Naturalist I

Mark Wilson, Natural Resources Specialist

Doug Gaumer, Conservation Technician

Guest(s): None

- ii. The minutes of the February 2016 meeting were discussed. Ron Miller moved to approve the February 2016 minutes as corrected. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iii. February 2016 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted. Discussion included day camp registrations, Pollinator Project registrations, position sharing with the Iowa DNR, and research done after the January tobacco free parks presentation.
- iv. Guests: Supervisor None
- v. Business Agenda:
- a. Old Business:
1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:
The minutes of the previous FWCC meeting were included in the packet.
Ace Hendricks commented on the improved communication between the FWCC and the WCCB.
The possibility of public binoculars for the ANC deck and towers, and other locations, was discussed.
 2. Cumming Drainage:
No change.
 3. Iowa DOT North River mitigation site reports:
Work on getting the proper layout for the North River II access lane continues.
 4. Web report:
No report.

5. Review of by-laws (second reading):
Ace Hendricks moved to accept the revisions as presented. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 6. Strategic plan report:
No report.
- b. New Business:
1. Approval of cooperative grant agreement Iowa Department of Natural Resources for Fish Habitat Grant:
Staff requested that the Board approve and sign the Fish Habitat grant approved by the Iowa DNR for a pond project at Hickory Hills. This project's grant funding will be matched by \$10,000 in REAP funds as approved at the January 2016 WCCB meeting.
Ace Hendricks moved to approve and sign the grant. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried 4–1 (Ayes: Boll, Gavin, Hendricks, Miller. Nay: Kreidler).
 2. Approval of cooperative grant agreement Iowa Department of Natural Resources for Wildlife Diversity Small Grant:
Staff requested that the Board approve and sign the Wildlife Diversity Small Grant approved by the Iowa DRN for the Pollinator Project. This project's grant funding will be matched by private donations.
Ron Miller moved to approve and sign the grant. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 3. 2016 seasonal hires:
Staff requested that the following be approved as seasonal hires, effective March 9, 2016. Initially, these seasonals will be helping with prescribed burns.
- | Name | Year | Wage |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| John Fensterman | 10th | \$10.56/hour |
| Tyler Seuferer | 6th | \$10.33/hour |
| Kevin Brown | 5th | \$10.28/hour |
- Sue Boll moved to approve as requested. Ron Miller seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. Report on 2015 butterfly survey:
Doug Gaumer presented the attached survey data and fielded questions. He discussed the 2016 iteration of the project and efforts to find survey takers.
- vi. Financial reports were distributed.
 - vii. Bills were approved and signed.
 - viii. Ron Miller moved to adjourn, Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. 7:00 p.m.

Joe Gavin, Secretary
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