

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by Secretary Hendricks at 6:04 p.m. President Miller arrived late and allowed Secretary Hendricks to retain the Chair.

Those present:

Ron Miller, President  
Ace Hendricks, Secretary  
Sue Boll

Absent:

Joe Gavin, Vice-President  
Mick Kreidler

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

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

Absent:

David Youngblut, Op Coordinator

Guest(s): None

- ii. The minutes of the July 2015 meetings were discussed. Sue Boll moved to approve the August 2015 minutes as corrected. Ace Hendricks seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iii. August 2015 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted as presented. Ace Hendricks spoke positively about the Warren County Farm Tour, noting that many of the visitors expressed that they had not previously visited the Annett Nature Center.
- 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.  
The 2015 Prairie Picnic will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.  
The Warren County Farm Tour was reviewed.  
The crowd sourcing effort for the Pollinator Project was discussed.
  2. Cumming Drainage:  
The area remains unworkable.
  3. Iowa DOT North River mitigation site reports:  
Signs have been delivered for the Swamp White Oak Tract.  
Jim Priebe discussed the bridge project with a representative of McClure Engineering, the firm that obtained DNR clearances for the North River trail bridge in Carlisle, and the Iowa Department of Transportation. Both are looking at what help they might be able to give with the project.  
Priebe also spoke with Mr. Tigner to inform him there would be a delay in any land purchase.

4. 2015 Flooding:  
The June flooding has been declared eligible for FEMA aid. David Youngblut and Jim Priebe met with FEMA and Iowa Homeland Security officials to start the process. Repair on the Great Western Trail and Summerset Trail have been completed by staff. Other repairs will be done by staff and by contract.
5. Fish Habitat Grant:  
Data from the 2015 fish sampling was shared, along with a proposed depth map for a renovated Hickory Hills pond.
7. Pollinator Room Project:  
Karen updated funding efforts for the project.
8. Strategic Plan Report:  
No new information.
- b. New Business:
  1. Removal of Monty Freeman from payroll:  
Jim Priebe asked the board to remove Sean Seymour, Andrew Peeler, and Nick Reinert from payroll, effective September 9, 2015.  
Ace Hendricks moved to remove the employees from payroll as requested. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
  2. Fiscal-Year 2016 projects were discussed, with status of each updated.
  3. Staff budget proposal for Fiscal-Year 2017 was discussed and will be presented to the Conservation Board at the October 2015 meeting.
- c. Other Business:
  1. Logan Roberts presented the August 2015 web report.
  2. Ace Hendricks asked that the board be kept informed about items discussed at staff meetings..
- v. Financial reports were distributed.
- vi. Bills were approved and signed.
- vii. Sue Boll moved to adjourn, Ace Hendricks seconded.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote. 6:48 p.m.

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Ace Hendricks, Secretary  
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