

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec 12, 2014, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Gavin at 7:25 p.m. following a potluck dinner attended by those listed below and numerous family members.

Those present:

Joe Gavin, Vice-President
Ace Hendricks, Secretary
Mick Kreidler

Absent:

Ron Miller, President
Sue Boll

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): Friends of Warren County Conservation members Donna Fink, Steve Weaver, Steve Derman, Randy Edwards, John Krogmeier, Monty Freeman, Judy Hendricks, and Blair Lawson. Warren County Board of Supervisor elect Crystal McIntyre.

Sean Szalkowski, Indianola

Peg and Gary Hutchison, New Virginia

Kathy Krogmeier, Norwalk

Bill Fink, Carlisle

- ii. The minutes of the November 2014 meetings were discussed. Ace Hendricks moved to approve the November 2014 minutes as printed. Mick Kreidler seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iii. November 2014 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted as presented.
- iv. Business Agenda:
- a. Old Business:
1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:
No report given at this meeting
 2. Cumming Drainage:
Hill Contracting is considering some early winter work if weather allows.
 3. Iowa DOT mitigation sites:
The 28E for North River has not received final approval from the Iowa DOT
Access issues for North River II are still being worked out.
 4. Bridge work on Summerset Trail:
The work agreement with Herberger for the bridge has been finalized. Their start date has yet to be determined.
 5. Chuck Lenze memorial:
Ace Hendricks and Mark Wilson reviewed progress to date. Jim Priebe said he would ask Elaine Lenze about what the family would like said on the plaque.

b. New Business:

1. Remove seasonal employees from payroll:
Staff requested that the Board remove Kevin Brown and John Fensterman from payroll effective December 5, 2015.
Ace Hendricks moved to remove the seasonal employees as requested, Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 2. Joint Review of strategic planning sessions with Friends of Warren County Conservation and appointments to the Planning Review Committee
WCCB Board Members, Staff, and members of the Friends of Warren County Conservation reviewed the strategic planning sessions held in October. Much of the discussion centered on the strategic leadership committee called for in the plan and who would represent each group on the committee. The FWCC has appointed Randy Edwards as their representative.
Mick Kreidler moved to appoint Ace Hendricks as the WCCB representative to the strategic leadership committee. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
Mick Kreidler moved to appoint authorize staff to appoint their own representative at their staff meeting the week of December 16. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 3. Review of trail counter data:
Conservation Technician Doug Gaumer reviewed the data collected from trail counters on the Great Western and Summerset Trails in 2014 and outlined plans for collection of more data in 2015.
 4. 40th anniversary celebration plans for 2015:
Naturalist Karen Johlas-Szalkowski and Logan Roberts outlined their plan for celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Warren County Conservation Board (voted in at the 1974 November general election, created in 1975). These include an aggressive public programming slate with promotional items, a kickoff event in February, and a birthday celebration in April.
- v. Financial reports were distributed.
 - vi. Bills were approved and signed.
 - vii. Mick Kreidler moved to adjourn, Ace Hendricks seconded.
Motion carried by unanimous vote. 9:10 p.m.

Ace Hendricks, Secretary
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