

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Miller at 6:08 p.m.

Those present:

Absent:

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

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Absent:

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

David Youngblut, Op Coordinator

Guest(s): None

- ii. The minutes of the December 2014 meetings were discussed. Ace Hendricks moved to approve the November 2014 minutes as printed. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iii. December 2014 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted as presented.
- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Organizational Agenda:

Chair was turned over to Director, Jim Priebe for election of officers.

1. Election of 2015 Officers:

Mick Kreidler nominated the 2014 slate of officers (Ron Miller, President; Joe Gavin, Vice-President; Ace Hendricks, Secretary) to serve in the same positions in 2015. Sue Boll seconded.

Jim Priebe asked for further nominations. Hearing none, Priebe asked for a motion to close nominations.

Mick Kreidler moved to close nominations. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Priebe called the question on the motion to retain the 2014 officers for 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Priebe returned the chair to President Miller

2. Review of bylaws.

After discussion, Ace Hendricks moved to retain the Warren County Conservation Board bylaws as printed. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote

- b. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:

Randy Edwards has been chosen by the Friends to serve on the Strategic Leadership Committee.

The FWCC is looking for a new board member due Bev Kresja stepping off the board. Ashley Vanderflight has expressed interest. Ace Hendricks suggested developing a list of

2. Cumming Drainage:  
No progress expected until spring.
  3. Iowa DOT mitigation sites:  
The 28E for North River has not received final approval from the Iowa DOT.
  4. Bridge work on Summerset Trail:  
Work agreements with Herberger Construction have been signed. Starting date for the work is not set.
  5. Chuck Lenze memorial:  
Mark Wilson showed photographs of the work to date.
  6. 2015-16 budget proposal:  
Staff presented a budget proposal amended after the budget workshop with the Board of Supervisors. The new proposal comes close to meeting the target set by the Supervisors and Jim Priebe said he would like to argue for the modest increase.  
Sue Boll moved to approve the budget proposal as amended. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b. New Business:
1. Consider geocache policy:  
As requested at the November 2014 meeting, samples of geocaching policies. Jim Priebe said he felt the Story & Polk County Conservation Board examples would suit best, being simpler than the Iowa DNR or California examples.  
President Miller, with the consensus of the Board, directed Priebe to make the appropriate changes to the Story & Polk County policies for the February 2015 meeting.
- b. Other Business:
1. Karen Johlas-Szalkowski and Logan Roberts highlighted their preparations for the WCCB 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  2. A correction to Bank Swallow Bend's quadrant of the county, from the most recent newsletter, was pointed out.
  3. Ace Hendricks complimented Logan Roberts on the newsletter article about new board member Sue Boll.
  4. Mick Kreidler complimented the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans.
- v. Financial reports were distributed.
- vi. Bills were approved and signed.
- vii. Ace Hendricks moved to adjourn, Joe Gavin seconded.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote. 7:25 p.m.

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Ace Hendricks, Secretary  
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