

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Miller at 6:16 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
David Youngblut, Op Coordinator
Mark Wilson, Natural Resources Specialist
Doug Gaumer, Conservation Technician
Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Naturalist II
Logan Roberts, Naturalist I
Guest(s): Judy Hendricks; Ackworth, Iowa
Blair Lawson; Indianola, Iowa

- ii. The minutes of the June 2015 meetings were discussed. Joe Gavin moved to approve the June 2015 minutes as corrected. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- iii. June 2015 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted as presented.

- 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.

Karen Johlas-Szalkowski talked about work on the volunteer program, the pollinator room project, and the July 12 park tour and wine tasting

2. Cumming Drainage:

The heavy June rains have kept the area unworkable.

3. Iowa DOT North River mitigation site reports:

Jim Priebe met with Mr. Terrill Tigner, an owner adjacent to North River II. Mr. Tigner was very interested in working with the board and asked Priebe to look into market values for similar land. The Conservation Board asked if it was feasible to bring the Level C portion of 100th Avenue back to Level A status. They also gave Priebe some parameters for working with Mr. Tigner if reopening 100th Avenue wasn't workable.

4. Chuck Lenze memorial:

The memorial at the Annett Nature Center is installed. The Lenze family is holding a dedication at 4:30, July 25th, prior to their ANC rental. WCCB members and staff are invited to attend (and speak) if they wish.

5. Lawson Lease Renegotiation:

Jim Priebe said that he and Blair Lawson had agreed on a new ten-year lease for the south portion of the ANC Park, at a rate of \$21 per acre, with the WCCB no longer reimbursing Mr. Lawson for the property taxes. The net increase in lease cost is about \$385 per year.

Mick Kriedler moved to approve the lease as presented. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Priebe said he has sent a second letter to the Gilbert family, asking to discuss the Woodland Mounds lease.

6. Fish Habitat Grant:

Iowa DNR Fisheries staff has offered to help with mapping and review of the grant application.

b. New Business:

1. Trail Access and Relocation Policies:

Jim Priebe and Mark Wilson recently discussed some trail issues with Polk County Conservation staff. Polk County Conservation's trail access and trail relocation policies were among the items brought up. Priebe obtained copies of the policies and asked the Warren County Conservation Board to consider their use in Warren County.

Among the ideas brought up by the Board were including the Warren County Board of Supervisors in the discussion, forming a committee to review the documents closely, meeting with the Warren County Attorney, finding out what Polk County did with existing crossings and accesses that did not meet their policy requirements, and checking with other urban/suburban counties about how they have dealt with similar things.

President Miller appointed Mick Kriedler, Sue Boll, Jim Priebe, and David Youngblut or Mark Wilson to sit on the review committee.

c. Other Business:

1. Ace Hendricks had questions about comp-time carryover for hourly staff, end-of-year budget numbers, and the possibility of FEMA funding after recent flooding.

v. Financial reports were distributed.

vi. Bills were approved and signed.

vii. Sue Boll moved to adjourn, Joe Gavin seconded.

Motion carried by unanimous vote. 7:32 p.m.

Ace Hendricks, Secretary

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- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held a second meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Miller at 7:42 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
Guest(s): None

- ii. The annual evaluation of the Director was presented for placement in his personnel file.
iii. Sue Boll moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Joe Gavin. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ace Hendricks, Secretary

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