

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Boll at 6:01 p.m.

Those present:

Sue Boll, Vice-President

Joe Gavin, Secretary

Ace Hendricks

Ron Miller

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

Guest(s): Bryan Vanderheydon, American Lung Association,

Crystal McIntyre, Warren County Board of Supervisors

Absent:

Mick Kreidler, President

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- ii. The minutes of the January 2106 meeting were discussed. Ace Hendricks moved to approve the January 2016 minutes as presented. Ron Miller seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iii. January 2016 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted.
- iv. Guests: Supervisor McIntyre was not able to stay for the entire meeting. Vice-President Boll asked Supervisor McIntyre for any input she wanted to share. Supervisor McIntyre talked about the Supervisor's fiscal 2017 budget process and the local option sales tax vote scheduled for March 1, 2016.
- v. Business Agenda (New Business 1 was discussed prior to old business for the convenience of Mr. Vanderheydon):
- a. Old Business:
1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:
The minutes of the previous FWCC meeting were included in the packet.
2016 FWCC Officers are: Steve Weaver, President; Steve Dermand, Vice-President; Monty Freeman, Treasurer.
Preparations are being made for the Osprey 5K.
 2. Cumming Drainage:
No change.
 3. Iowa DOT North River mitigation site reports:
Initial survey work has been done. Staff will be reviewing this to see if any alterations need to be done. The survey will then be finalized so acquisition documents can be drawn up.
 4. Web report:
As presented

5. Review of by-laws:

The attached revisions were reviewed. Ron Miller moved to accept the revisions as presented. Joe Gavin seconded (not positive about who seconded). Motion carried by unanimous vote. This item will be on the March 2016 agenda for final approval.

6. Staff recommendations for FY2017 budget proposal adjustments:

The staff recommendations for meeting the Board of Supervisors numbers on the Fiscal 2017 budget proposal were reviewed. The staff proposal included using REAP funding for the North River II access acquisition and the grant match for the Hickory Hills Fish Habitat Grant.

Ace Hendricks passed on President Kreidler's concerns about using REAP funds for the two items proposed, and her opposition to the same.

Ace Hendricks moved to accept the staff recommendations for meeting the Supervisors budget target. Ron Miller seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ron Miller moved to approve use of REAP funding for the acquisition of the access for North River II and to match the Fish Habitat Grant. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

b. New Business:

1. Brian Vanderheyden, American Lung Association, proposal to make all WCCB areas tobacco free:

Mr. Vanderheyden presented the materials that were included in the meeting packet, reviewing the reasons the American Lung Association feels tobacco free parks are important and how the ALA supports agencies that adopt such resolutions.

All board members present indicated that they prefer areas free of second hand smoke, but had questions about the need to make remote areas smoke free. The Board also asked if cigarette butts were actually a litter problem and staff affirmed that, in some areas, they are. Questions were raised about enforcement and selective implementation. Staff indicated that they felt such a regulation would be more an education effort with voluntary compliance.

Mr. Vanderheyden said the ALA prefers total bans, but does support selective implementation.

Mr. Vanderheyden had a list of Cities that have implemented total tobacco prohibitions, but did not have information on Conservation Boards. Several comments were made that many county areas are quite different from city parks.

Vice-President Boll directed staff to review Warren County areas and the Iowa Smoke Free Air Act to see where tobacco prohibition would be advisable.

d. Other Business:

1. Ace Hendricks passed on President Kreidler's suggestion that the annual report called for in strategic planned could be presented in quarterly updates if that made its production more efficient.
2. Ace Hendricks discussed several communication situations, including some questions about staff reports, notification of staff and department head absences and use of comp time, and the google calendar that staff uses for multiple purposes

- vi. Financial reports were distributed.
- vii. Bills were approved and signed.
- viii. Joe Gavin moved to adjourn, Ace Hendricks seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. 7:57 p.m.

Joe Gavin, Secretary
Warren County Conservation Board