

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Kreidler at 6:01 p.m.

Those present:

Absent:

Mick Kreidler, President

Sue Boll, Vice-President

Joe Gavin, Secretary

Ace Hendricks

Ron Miller

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): Dean Yordi, Warren County Board of Supervisors

- ii. The minutes of the April 2016 meeting were discussed. Sue Boll moved to approve the March 2016 minutes as corrected. Ron Miller seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- iii. April 2016 Staff Reports were discussed and accepted. Discussion included day camp registrations, Pollinator Project registrations, position sharing with the Iowa DNR, and research done after the January tobacco free parks presentation.
- iv. Guests: Supervisor None
- v. Business Agenda:
- a. Old Business:
1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:  
Hickory Park (Ames) is catering the meal for the 2016 Prairie Picnic.  
Native Plant Sale is at the ANC May 21 & 22.  
Wine tasting and park tour is July 10.  
A free concert will be held in July.  
Farm Tour is August 28. Pork Producers will be on site serving food.  
Osprey run netted about \$800.  
Pollinator fundraising is at \$43,000, not including WCCB in-kind.
  2. Cumming Drainage:  
The area remains wet. Iowa DOT has communicate that the project will be considered out of compliance if not completed by September, stating they did not agree with staff determinations that the area has been consistently unworkable. Not completing the project by the DOT's date could result in DOT requiring return of cost share already paid.  
Board members suggested meeting with DOT on site to get their perspective on how the project can be finished with the ground as wet as it has remained.

3. Iowa DOT North River mitigation site reports:

The survey of the access lane is done and needs to be shared with Mr. Tigner. It is approximately 1.2 acres.

DOT staff indicate that they remain very interested in the Wilson property, but that movement will be slow.

Mr. Koethe has posted some his bottom land next to North River II, stretching across R63 to the west, as for sale. The board asked for more information on this property.
4. Web report:

Attached to the meeting packet. The cell phone audio tour signs were also discussed.
5. Strategic plan report:

Board member Ace Hendricks, FWCC board member Randy Edwards, and Jim Priebe will be reviewing the plan May 12.

Items discussed included the North River legacy concept, the Iowa Natural Heritage Landowner's Option booklet, and promoting the legacy idea in the Norwalk and Carlisle areas.
6. Pollinator Project Report:

Discussed in reports and the FWCC report.
- b. New Business:
  1. Review, approve position sharing contract with Iowa Department of Natural Resources:

The contract for sharing a staff member with Iowa DNR was reviewed. The County Attorney has approved the language. The contract will be on the Iowa DNR Commission agenda in early June.

There will need to be some discussion with DNR about details such as how to handle comp time and flexibility in scheduling hours worked for each entity.

Joe Gavin moved to approve the contract as requested. Second by Ron Miller. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
  2. Discussion of evaluations:

Ace Hendricks said he had some evaluation related items he wished to discuss with board members and asked about the potential for a closed session. After reviewing the Iowa open meetings law, it was the consensus of the board that the item did not meet the requirements for a closed session. Ace said he would try and have individual conversations to communicate his concerns.

President Kreidler requested that Jim Priebe make sure all board members and staff have an updated email and phone number list.

c. Other Business:

1. Jim Priebe informed the board that over \$700 had come in as memorials for Ken Ball, long-time WCCB green thumb who passed April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  2. The Supervisors will be voting on funding a truck from the current fiscal year at their May 17, 2016 meeting.
  3. David Youngblut updated the Board on Barry Haglan (Experience Works employee) and his health issues. President Kreidler asked to have the incident report forwarded to her. Youngblut also informed the board that the other Experience Works employee currently place with the WCCB, Dennis Ohnemus, has been out with bronchitis and his return date is unknown.
  4. Forms for director evaluation were distributed.
- vi. Financial reports were distributed.
- vii. Bills were approved and signed.
- viii. Sue Boll moved to adjourn, Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. 7:51 p.m.

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Joe Gavin, Secretary  
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