

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 10th 2018, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Boll at 5:58 p.m.

Those present:

Absent:

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

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Absent:

Jim Priebe, Director
David Youngblut, Op Coordinator
Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Naturalist II
Mark Wilson, Natural Resources Specialist
Doug Gaumer, Conservation Technician
Kelsey Longnecker, Naturalist I
Tyler Seuferer, Conservation Technician

Guest(s): None.

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

Minutes of the January 2018 WCCB meeting were reviewed. Mick Kreidler moved to accept the January 2018 minutes as corrected. Second by Joe Gavin. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- iii. Staff reports for January 2018 were noted. President Boll complimented the call for volunteers on the front page of the most recent newsletter and the Owl Prowl. Doug Gaumer reported representing central Iowa at the REAP Congress.

- iv. Business Agenda:

a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation Report:
Friends continue to work on revising their bylaws.
2018 membership mailing has been sent.
Friends are working on a scholarship program.
President Boll will be serving as the WCCB representative on the Friends Board.

2. Update on donation project:
The turn-key estimate for the facility designed by David Youngblut and Ron Miller is \$204,000. Youngblut and Miller put in all amenities they felt would be welcomed by users and this proposal can be altered. A utility/storage/table closet and a window over the kitchen sink were suggested.
Concerns raised included rental rates, objections from private vendors about competition, meeting budgets and acquiring enough funds to finish the project.
3. Update on possible joint venture with The Nature Conservancy:
Jim Priebe and David Youngblut met with Josh Spies of The Nature Conservancy to review the draft management/transfer agreement. The questions raised by the Board at previous meetings were discussed. The Board directed staff to proceed with developing an up to date agreement with The Nature Conservancy.
- b. New Business:
 1. Trail Counts:
Doug Gaumer reviewed 2017 trail count data.
 2. Camping counts:
Doug Gaumer reviewed 2017 camping data.
- c. Other Business:
 1. Budget targets for Fiscal 2019, recently received from the Board of Supervisors, were reviewed.
 2. Panels for the pollinator exhibited were viewed.
- v. Financial reports were distributed.
- vi. Bills were approved and signed.
- vii. Joe Gavin moved to adjourn. Mick Kreidler Seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 7:19 p.m.

Ron Miller, Secretary
Warren County Conservation Board