

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Boll at 6:03 p.m.

Those present:

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

Absent:

Ron Miller, Secretary

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

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

Absent:

Doug Gaumer, Conservation Technician

Guest(s): Larry Steffen, Eagle Point Solar, Dubuque, Iowa.

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

Minutes of the June 2018 WCCB meeting were reviewed. Mick Kreidler moved to accept the June 2018 minutes as printed. Second by Ace Hendricks. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- iii. Staff reports for June 2018 were noted.

- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation Report:

Minutes attached.

Prairie Picnic planning

Will be at the Ted Lehr farmer's market in October.

Helping to purchase new grill for Davison Pavilion.

2. Consider solar energy presentation:

Larry Steffen of Eagle Point Solar presented the material attached to the meeting packet.

Questions included financing, cost of upkeep, and life expectancy.

The Board expressed interest after the presentation, but would like to hear from other companies

3. Wildlife Habitat Grant application:

Site inspection will be July 19th, with grant scoring on July 20th.

4. Discussion of Annett Nature Center lodge siting:

David reviewed the prospective sites. He said that placing the new lodge on the east side of the pond would incur approximately \$25,000 in additional costs, plus the cost of any land acquired from the Vails. Siting the lodge on the Lawson property on the south side of the wetland would also incur additional costs. The property would also have to be secured in a way to protect the infrastructure investment. David and Jim said they have discussed the disposition of the Lawson tract and could meet again with him.

The potential for applying for a REAP grant for acquiring the tract was also discussed.

- b. New Business (no new business.
- v. Financial reports were distributed.
- vi. Bills were approved and signed.
- vii. Mick Kreidler moved to adjourn. Joe Gavin Seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 7:54 p.m.

Ron Miller, Secretary
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