

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Boll at 6:05 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): none.

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

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

- iii. Staff reports for August 2018 were discussed.

- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation Report:

Minutes attached.

Prairie Picnic is September 15, 2018.

FWCC scholarship will be awarded at the Prairie Picnic.

FWCC discussed funding or partially funding a programming shelter at Lester Pond in the Annett Nature Center Park. They are open to the idea and would like to see more detail.

2. Solar energy updates:

None of the companies contacted have submitted the requested proposals with more detail.

3. Discussion of Annett Nature Center lodge siting:

The appraisal commissioned by the Iowa Natural on the Lawson property should be shared with Mr. Lawson very soon. Once reviewed by him, further discussions on the disposition of his property can be held.

David Youngblut estimated that it would take an additional \$30,000 (\$10,000 each for electric, water, and road) to build the new lodge on the Lawson property.

b. New Business:

1. Approve Wildlife Habitat Stamp Fund agreement with Iowa DNR I:

Jim Priebe asked the Board to approve the Cooperative Grant Agreement Wildlife Habitat Stamp Fund (19-02W), Rolling Thunder Prairie Addition – Sereg Tract. The total dollars needed from the WCCB REAP account were discussed, and the Board requested a detailed accounting for the October meeting

Ace Hendricks moved to approve the agreement and authorized President Boll to sign. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Remove seasonal staff from payroll:

Staff requested the following seasonal employees be removed from payroll:

Effective September 8, 2018:

Monty Freeman

Paige Loudenslager

Ryan Niedermayer

Nicholas Reinert

Johathon Scott

Effective September 22, 2018:

Barry Haglan

Ace Hendricks moved to seasonal staff from payroll as requested. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Draft of FY 2018 Annual Report

The draft was discussed and carried over to October. The trail use and camping numbers (that show properly in the on-screen pdf file) did not print properly.

4. FY 19 budget preparations:

A copy of the current (FY 2019) was included in the meeting packet. Staff have begun discussing their budget proposal to the Board and will present it at the October meeting.

c. Other Business:

1. Camping was discussed.

2. Jim Priebe informed the Board that he had been asked to find out the Board's feelings regarding taking on the responsibilities of the county weed commissioner. The Board was not enthusiastic about the idea, and is very reluctant to take on more duties without having detail on what resources (equipment, funding, staff) will be made available to execute said duties.

3. Joe Gavin asked about the possibility of the Izaak Walton League using the WCCB standup paddleboards for the Iowa Outdoor Expo.

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 6:59 p.m.

Ron Miller, Secretary

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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

- ii. The annual evaluation of the Director was presented for placement in his personnel file.
iii. Ace Hendricks moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Mick Kreidler. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Joe Gavin, Secretary

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- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held a second meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Miller at 7:53 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

Guest(s): None

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

Joe Gavin, Secretary

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