

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Boll at 6:02 p.m.

Those present:

Absent:

Sue Boll, President  
Joe Gavin, Vice-President  
Ron Miller, Secretary  
Ace Hendricks  
Mark Kickbush

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Absent:

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

Guest(s): None

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

Minutes of the February 2019 Warren County Conservation Board meeting were tabled.

- iii. Staff reports for the February 2019 Warren County Conservation Board meeting were tabled.

- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation Report:

Minutes of the previous FWCC meeting are attached.

FWCC approve funding one butterfly survey intern.

2. Request by T•Mobile for utility easement under Great Western Trail Lodge siting update, possible action:

The attached easement, discussed at the December 2018 Warren County Conservation Board meeting, has been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office. The Attorney's Office found no problems with the attached language.

Joe Gavin moved to approve the easement as presented and authorize the President to sign. Second by Ron Miller. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Lodge siting:

The Board indicated that the site on the Lawson tract was preferred over the lower, wetland

adjacent site. The Board also indicated a preference for a corner (approximately 15-acre) parcel over the smaller (approximately 8-acre) lot. The larger lot would eliminate the need for a permanent easement for access.

Including a changing room and a closet for chairs and tables was discussed. The decrease in open space that these amenities could cause was a concern. Ron Miller estimated that increasing the footprint of the structure to compensate would cost \$40/square foot.

Costs associated with removing a portion of Mr. Lawson's property from CRP, and potential contract conflicts that might cause, were discussed. Mr. Lawson has met with US Department of Agriculture personnel and will soon have answers to those questions.

4. Decision on using interns for butterfly surveys:

After a brief discussion, there were no motions on the intern question.

v. Financial reports were distributed.

vi. Bills were approved and signed.

vii. Ron Miller moved to adjourn. Joe Gavin Seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 6:41 p.m.

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Ron Miller, Secretary

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