

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Kreidler at 6:02 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, Operations Coordinator

Mark Wilson, Natural Resource Specialist

Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Naturalist II

Doug Gaumer, Conservation Technician

Tyler Seuferer, Conservation Technician

Guest(s): Diane Hickman, West Des Moines, Iowa; Judy Hendricks, Ackworth, Iowa.

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

Minutes of the July 2017 WCCB meeting were reviewed. Sue Boll moved to accept the July 2017 minutes as printed. Seconded by Joe Gavin. Motion carried by 4–0 vote (Hendricks did not vote).

- iii. Staff reports for July 2017 were filed. Ace Hendricks relayed a positive comment he had received about Cricket Camp.

- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:

The FWCC has been attending the farmers market at Ted Lare Design & Build.

September 16 is the annual FWCC Prairie Picnic.

2. Project reports:

The Otter Creek shelter floor and retaining wall replacements were completed in July.

3. Discussion of repository for Great Western Trail funds:

The Friends of Warren County Conservation have expressed some concerns about holding the Microsoft funds for the Great Western Trail. Members of the Conservation Board noted those concerns, but felt holding such funds is one of the many things the FWCC is designed to do.

Jim Priebe said he felt that the FWCC likely needed more complete information on the request. He has asked for time at the next FWCC meeting (August 29<sup>th</sup>) in order to explain the request and ask the FWCC to further consider the request.

b. New Business:

1. Request from Diane Hickman to ride horses at North River Greenbelt: Swamp White Oak Tract:

Ms. Hickman owns property near Swamp White Oak Tract (SWOT) and had ridden the area when it was under Iowa Department of Transportation Control. She requested that the Conservation Board remove the prohibition on horses for the area, citing that its relatively small size would not lend itself to riders trailering horses in from any great distance and horse traffic on the site would be low.

Discussion revolved around how much horse traffic the area could bear, should it be opened up to riding. Also discussed were concerns about erosion and trail degradation. It was felt that light horse traffic would be acceptable. If the area allows horses and the traffic level becomes too heavy, it may be necessary to again close the area to horses.

Joe Gavin moved to remove "Horse riding is not permitted," from the rules for North River Greenbelt: Swamp White Oak Tract. Ron Miller seconded. Motion carried by a 3-2 vote. Voting aye: Ron Miller, Joe Gavin, Mick Kreidler. Voting nay: Sue Boll, Ace Hendricks.

2. Presentation of drawings: Great Western Trail road crossings adjacent to Veterans Parkway: Drawings of the proposed Great Western Trail crossings adjacent to Veterans Parkway were examined and discussed.
3. Presentation of drawings: Grant Park campground plans:  
David Youngblut detailed the proposal for the Grant Park campground. Work is scheduled to begin the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue through the fall. Notice will be posted in the park on August 10<sup>th</sup>. No interruption of other park use is expected during campground work. Any interruptions that may occur will be minimal.

c. Other Business:

1. President Kreidler requested cost and time estimates for trail map work.
- v. Financial reports were distributed.
  - vi. Bills were approved and signed.
  - vii. Ron Miller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sue Boll. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 7:50 p.m.

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Joe Gavin, Secretary  
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## Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held a second meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2017 at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Joe Gavin, Secretary

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