

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 10, 2017, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Kreidler at 6:00 p.m.

Those present:

Mick Kreidler, President

Sue Boll, Vice-President

Joe Gavin, Secretary

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Jim Priebe, Director

David Youngblut, Op Coordinator

Mark Wilson, Natural Resource Specialist

Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Naturalist II Doug Gaumer, Conservation Technician

Tyler Seuferer, Conservation Technician

Guest(s): None

Absent:

Ace Hendricks

Ron Miller

Absent:

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

Minutes of the May 2017 WCCB meeting were reviewed. Sue Boll moved to accept the May 2017 minutes as corrected. Second by Joe Gavin. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- iii. Staff reports for May 2017 were noted. Joe Gavin complimented the Naturalist I interview committee.

- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:

The plant sale was successful.

The library program had over 200 in attendance.

Kids Fish Day had over 80 in attendance.

- b. New Business:

1. Approve of Naturalist I hiring:

Karen Johlas-Szalkowski reviewed the interview process. The interview committee asked the board to approve the hiring of Kelsey Longnecker at Grade 10, Step 3, effective August 12, 2017. Sue Boll moved to approve the hiring as requested. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Discussion, possible action on use of fireworks in Warren County Conservation Board areas:

Jim Priebe reviewed his discussion with the County Attorney regarding fireworks and asked the Board to extend the park fireworks prohibition to all areas that do not have a specific fireworks restriction in their regulations (Rolling Thunder Prairie, Woodland Mounds, Bank Swallow Bend, and Blue Flag Marsh). Joe Gavin moved ban fireworks in all Warren County Conservation Board areas. Sue Boll seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- c. Other Business:
 - 1. Emerald ash borer has been identified in Warren County.
 - 2. Year-end budget information was discussed.
 - 3. President Kreidler asked if the Microsoft money for the Great Western Trail had been deposited (as of the June 2017 meeting, it had not).
 - 4. President Kreidler asked about the plan and schedule for the work at Grant Park. David Youngblut noted that it wouldn't begin until the changeover of the fiscal year and that a timetable had not been set.
 - 5. The retaining wall steps at Zo-El Annett Woods were discussed, with the Board expressing concern about the steepness of the steps. After discussion, President Kreidler directed that the steps be closed until alteration can be made.
- v. Financial reports were distributed.
- vi. Bills were approved and signed.
- vii. Sue Boll moved to adjourn. Second by Joe Gavin. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 7:06 p.m.

Joe Gavin, Secretary
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