

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 8, 2017, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Kreidler at 1:30 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

Logan Roberts, Naturalist I

David Youngblut, Op Coordinator

Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Naturalist II

Mark Wilson, Natural Resource Specialist

Doug Gaumer, Conservation Technician

Tyler Seuferer, Conservation Technician

Guest(s): None.

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

Minutes of the February 2017 WCCB meeting were reviewed. Sue Boll moved to accept the February 2017 minutes as printed. Second by Ron Miller. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- iii. Staff reports for February 2017 were noted.

- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:
2. Web report was not included in the packet.
3. Information item: Great Western Trail/Veterans Parkway update:
The E2 alternative was reviewed. West Des Moines is hosting an open house on E2 March 9th.

- b. New Business:

1. Request for access easement through Otter Creek Park:
2. 2016 camping reports:
3. 2016 trail counter reports:
4. 2016 butterfly survey reports:
Items 2–4 were tabled to allow Conservation Technician Doug Gaumer, who prepared the reports, to present and answer questions about them. Discussion was held about continuing the butterfly survey routes and ways to do so without incurring seasonal employee expenses.
5. Approve initial seasonal hirings:
Staff requested that the Board approve the following seasonal hires, effective March 6, 2017:
John Fensstern (11th year), \$10.82/hour
Sean Seymour (7th year), \$10.59/hour
Kevin Brown (6th year), \$10.54/hour

Ace Hendricks moved to approve the seasonal hires as requested. Joe Gavin seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- c. Other Business:
 - 1. Jim Priebe detailed the changes to the Fiscal 2018 Conservation budget proposal by the Board of Supervisors.
 - 2. Letters thanking elected officials and employees of Subway that participated in the Bob Killmar Memorial/Open House were distributed for Board signatures.
 - 3. Ace Hendricks brought ideas about engaging bicyclist involvement with Warren County Conservation Board areas and events.
 - 4. The Board discussed continuing to work on communication, accountability, and harmony between Board, Staff, and FWCC.
- 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 7:51 p.m.

Joe Gavin, Secretary
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