

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by President Boll at 5:58 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): Crystal McIntyre, Chair, Warren County Board of Supervisors.

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

Minutes of the December 2018 WCCB meeting were reviewed. Joe Gavind moved to accept the December 2018 minutes as corrected. Second by Ron Miller. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- iii. Staff reports for December 2018 were discussed. President Boll complemented staff on the newsletter

Mark Kickbush was formally welcomed to the Board by President Boll. President Boll noted the long and distinguished service given to the Board by outgoing Board Member Mick Kreilder and thanked her for her dedication and mentorship.

President Boll gave the chair to Jim Priebe.

- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Organization:

1. Election of 2019 officers:

The chair opened the floor to nominations.

Ace Hendricks moved to retain the 201Officers for 2019. Second by Ron Miller. There being no further nominations, the chair called the vote. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jim Priebe returned the chair to President Boll.

2. Review of bylaws:

Ace Hendricks commented that the Strategic Plan has not been on the Board agenda since 2016 and that the FWCC has also done little with the plan in that time. President Boll, Lisa Niedermayer from the FWCC board, and Jim Priebe have been discussing meeting dates for discussing the plan.

Ace Hendricks made the following suggestions for bylaw changes:

Article XII – Conservation Technician, includes, “Provides input on the implementation and maintenance of program to enhance existing, or develop new recreation or related natural resource programs,” under essential functions. He felt it should be in all staff descriptions.

Page numbers need to be corrected in Article XIV to reflect the proper pages in the new County Personnel Policy.

Adding Google Calendar language to Article XIV.

Ace Hendricks moved to make the suggested changes to the Warren County Conservation Board bylaws. Seconded by Mark Kickbush. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

b. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation Report:

Minutes of the previous FWCC meeting are attached.

The Blank Park Zoo Bald Eagle Exhibit is coming to the Annett Nature Center.

Friends are working on their bylaws and budgeting language.

2. Lodge siting:

Suggestions made:

Look into using a small part of the CRP ground for parking. This will also require Mr. Lawson’s consent.

Utility hook up costs?

Possible LIED certification.

Installation of a dry hydrant as part of fire protection. Water line size and capacity?

c. New Business

1. Review, possible acceptance of FEMA required procurement policy:

Jim Priebe requested that the Board approve the attached procurement policy. The language satisfies FEMA requirements without actually changing current practice.

Joe Gavin moved to accept the proposed policy. Seconded by Ace Hendricks. Motion Carried by unanimous vote.

2. 2018 traffic count, trail count, & camping reports:

Doug Gaumer reviewed the attached reports. He noted that WCCB camping areas had visitors from 23 states and 2 other countries in 2018.

3. Discussion only: possible easement request for Summerset Trail:

Drafts for two easements that will likely be requested of the WCCB in February 2019 were reviewed. Jim Priebe asked Board Members if there were questions about the attached easements that could be answered prior to that time. Questions put forward included dates for the proposed work; what disruptions there would be to trail use; reasons for the clearing and grubbing on the north side of Hillcrest; and choices for replacing disturbed vegetation.

4. Naming of North River II DOT mitigation area:  
Staff asked the Board to designate the area currently referred to as North River II, an Iowa DOT wetland mitigation site, as Bull Rush Marsh.
- d. Other Business
  1. Mick Kreidler's service to the Conservation Board (1979–80 on Staff and 2002–18 as a Board Member) were again discussed, along with possible way to recognize and respect her contributions.
  2. Jim Priebe informed the Board that the first budget workshop with the Board of Supervisors would be Monday, January 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- 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 7:43 p.m.

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Ron Miller, Secretary  
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