

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

- i. The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118th Avenue, Indianola, Iowa. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Gavin at 5:54 p.m.

Those present:

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

Absent:

Sue Boll, President

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

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

Absent:

Guest(s): Crystal McIntyre, Warren County Board of Supervisors

- ii. Reading of Minutes.

Minutes of the August 2019 Warren County Conservation Board meeting were reviewed. Ron Miller moved to approve minutes as printed. Second by Mark Kickbush. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- iii. Staff reports for the August 2019 were reviewed.

- iv. Business Agenda:

- a. Old Business:

1. Friends of Warren County Conservation report:

Printed report included in meeting packet.

FWCC Board is pleased with the new Lester Pond shelter.

Prairie Picnic is September 14th.

FWCC will host a trail run at the Annett Nature Center in October.

2. Lodge siting update:

Shive Hattery's code analysis and drawing were included in the meeting packet. The possibility of adding auto-opening doors, fire alarm, dishwasher, a patio on the west side, and wiring for an audio-visual system were discussed.

Jim Priebe asked the Board to approve the Shive Hattery plan and analysis and set a Public Hearing and bid opening for October 1, 2019 at the Annett Nature Center

Ron Miller moved to set the dates as requested. Mark Kickbush seconded.

Supervisor McIntyre suggested setting the Public Hearing and consideration of bids for the October 9, 2019 regular Conservation Board meeting, while still holding the bid opening on October 1, 2019. Motion failed on a 0–4 vote.

Ron Miller moved to set the bid opening for October 1, 2019 and set the Public Hearing and bid consideration for the October 9, 2019 meeting of the Warren County Conservation Board meeting at the Annett Nature Center. Mark Kickbush seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-President Gavin, needing to leave the meeting, turned the chair over to Secretary Miller.

b. New Business:

1. Discuss needed repairs to Middle River bridge on Summerset Trail:

Staff requested guidance on funding the estimated \$95,000 cost of repairing the Summerset Trail's Middle River bridge, damaged in the spring of 2019. Staff have identified \$30,000–45,000 that could be available for the work.

Suggestions included contacting Indianola and Carlisle for possible assistance and working with the Warren County Board of Supervisors on interim funding.

2. Discuss toilet facility partnership with City of Carlisle at Summerset Trail trailhead, possible action:

Jim Priebe informed the Board that the City of Carlisle is willing to share half of the cost of toilet at the Summerset Trail's Carlisle trail head, up to a maximum cost of \$500 for the City. Priebe asked the Board to approve an identical contribution.

Mark Kickbush moved to fund ½ the cost of the toilet at the Carlisle trail head, up to a maximum cost of \$500 per year for the County. Ace Hendricks seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Remove seasonal employees from payroll:

Jim Priebe asked the Board to remove Christian Morhardt from payroll, effective September 6, 2019.

Ace Hendricks moved as requested. Mark Kickbush seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

v. Financial reports were distributed.

vi. Bills were approved and signed.

vii. Ace Hendricks moved to adjourn. Seconded Mark Kickbus.

Motion carried by unanimous vote at 7:02 p.m.

Ron Miller, Secretary

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