

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. The meeting was held in person at the Grant Nature Land, 24398 Fenton St., Hartford, IA 50118. Meeting called to order by President Mark Kickbush at 5:00 p.m.

Those present:

Mark Kickbush, President
Ace Hendricks, Vice-president
Joe Schettler, Secretary
Angie Croll

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Absent:

Sue Boll

Also present:

Mark Wilson, Director
Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Specialist
Kelsey Freeman, EE Coordinator

Guest:

- i. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. May Minutes will be reviewed at the July 2023 meeting.
- ii. Staff Reports.
 - a. Staff Reports were presented.
- iii. Business Agenda
 - a. New Business
 - i. Approve Seasonal Hire
 1. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the hire of Jonas Parker, effective May 30, 2023, at \$11.10 per hour. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - ii. Hickory Hills – Mark Metz
 1. Mr. Metz removed his request from the agenda prior to the meeting. No action taken.
 - iii. Carlisle Trail Connection
 1. Mark Wilson described to the Board what he had heard the City of Carlisle intends to do with the sidewalk which leads to the Great Western Trail. Joe commented that he knows the parties involved and he would discuss the connection with those individuals.
 - b. Discussion Items
 - i. End of Fiscal 2023 Budget
 1. Mark presented the Board with a final spreadsheet showing the end of fiscal 2023 budget. It was discussed that Budget Director Meghan Minar had indicated any remaining funds will be placed into the Conservation Reserve Fund
 - ii. Fiscal 2024 Budget
 1. Mark presented the fiscal 2024 budget to the Board

iii. Upcoming Events

1. June 2023 Events

- a. Standup Paddle Boarding will be held June 22nd at the Lester Pond at the Annett Nature Center.
- b. International Mud Day is June 29th. Visitors will be able to come out to the Annett Nature Center and get dirty in the mud pit.

2. July Events

- a. Story Walk will be located at Woodland Mounds. July's story is Let's Go on a Hike, by Katrina Liu.
- b. The Buzz about Bugs will be held at Buxton Park in Indianola.
- c. Monarch Tagging at Otter Creek.
- d. Season's Hike will be at Grant Park.
- e. FWCC will host their book club on July 18th. The July book is The Land Remains, By Neil D. Hamilton, who will be joining the discussion.

c. Financial Report

- i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the financial reports. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

d. Approval of Bills

- i. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the claims. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

e. Adjournment

- i. Joe Schettler made the motion to adjourn. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.