

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. The meeting was held in person at the Annett Nature Center, 15565 118<sup>th</sup> Ave., Indianola, IA 50125. Meeting called to order by President Mark Kickbush at 5:00 p.m.

Those present:

Absent:

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

Comprising a quorum of the board,

Also present:

Guest:

Mark Wilson, Director  
Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Specialist  
Kelsey Freeman, EE Coordinator  
Hannah Hernandez, Naturalist  
Mallory Wells, Office Manager

- i. Reading of the Minutes
  - a. Sue Boll made a motion to approve the May 2023 minutes. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - b. Sue Boll made a motion to approve the June 2023 minutes. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried.
- ii. Staff Reports.
  - a. Staff Reports were presented.
- iii. Business Agenda
  - a. New Business
    - i. Approve removal of conservation technician
      1. Angie Croll made a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan McPherran and remove him from payroll effective July 22, 2023. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried.
    - ii. Hiring of Conservation Technician
      1. Joe Schettler made the motion to hire at Grade 10 Step 1 with a starting salary of \$40,435.00. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried.
      2. Joe Schettler rescinded the motion.
      3. Joe Schettler made the motion to hire a conservation technician at grade 10 step 1 with a starting salary of \$40,435.00 or higher depending on experience. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

- iii. Hickory Hills Drainage Issue
  - 1. Mark Wilson has been in contact with an adjacent landowner who is having erosion issues with drainage from Hickory Hills. He is working with Assistant County Attorney Dawn Bowman regarding the issue.
- iv. Prairie Picnic Donations
  - 1. Mallory Wells attended the June 2023 Friends board meeting and FWCC asked for donations from the WCCB to use in their live auction.
  - 2. The Board agreed to donate the use of the Middleswart Lodge, a camping weekend at Grant Nature Land, a Forest Therapy Walk, and a canoeing or SUP private class.

b. Discussion Items

i. Cameras

- 1. Warren County IT and A+ Security met with Mark Wilson to discuss the new cameras and how they will work once we get fiber hooked up to the building.

ii. Upcoming Events

1. July

- a. Kelsey and Hannah are wrapping up summer camps.
- b. Kids Day at the Warren County Fair.
- c. SUP at Summerset Park on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

2. August

- a. SUP at ANC August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- b. SUP at Summerset Park August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Tomahawk Throwing at Pickard Park on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

3. Travel Iowa Booth at Iowa State Fair

- a. Mallory Wells secured a spot at the Travel Iowa Booth in the Varied Industries Building on the last Sunday of the Iowa State Fair. She is working on updating the county maps and hopes to have them printed to be able to hand out.

4. Carlisle Bike Trail

- a. There will be a ribbon cutting on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at the Carlisle Bike Trail head.

5. Middleswart Lodge

- a. Indianola Window Tent installed window tent on the West side of the Middleswart Lodge

c. Financial Report

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

d. Approval of Bills

- i. Sue Boll 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 at 6:05pm. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.