

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. The meeting was held in person at the Anette Nature Center.

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:

Mark Wilson, Director

Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Spc.

Zach Hall, Incoming Director

Hannah Hernandez, Naturalist

Kelsey Longnecker, EE Coordinator

Mallory Wells, Office Manager

Monty Freeman, FWCC Treasurer

Martin Wells, Guest

- i. Convene
 - a. Agenda deletions
 - i. None
- ii. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the minutes May 2024 Minutes with the correction. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- iii. Staff Reports
 - a. Conservation Tech
 - i. Hauled concrete and asphalt from the maintenance yard to Sternquist and they grind it up and reuse it.
 - ii. Hauled dirt the Lester Pond to fill a hole.
 - b. Director
 - i. DOT mailed the retainage check so we can close. Monty Freeman will work on getting a check for \$96,083.45 written to the Warren County Board of Supervisors. As well as a check for \$17,348.49 for the overage fees. With those written Friends of Warren County Conservation will no longer have manage the funds received from Microsoft.

iv. Friends of Warren County Conservation

a. Prairie Picnic

- i. They are focusing their efforts on Prairie Picnic. They will be starting to collect items for the auctions. They have set their cater, musician, and they are bringing in a guest speaker this year.
- ii. They have tickets for sale online and people will need to register through the website.

v. Business Agenda

a. New Business

- i. Middleswart Lodge Capacity
 1. Sue Boll made a motion to set the lodge maximum capacity 150 people. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Remove Nathan Reinke from probation
 1. Sue Boll made a motion to remove Nathan Reinke from probation effective July 10, 2024. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Discussion Items

- i. Discuss security concerns and law enforcement in WCCB areas
 1. Director Mark Wilson has been in communication with the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff Joe Carico. Director Wilson would like to send a couple of staff members through the Reserve Officer Training. Once staff have completed this training, they will be certified to carry weapons while in WCCB areas.
- ii. Davison Pavilion Septic
 1. Director Mark Wilson got a quote to redo the septic. They have been working on getting floors torn out, pipes are exposed, and the hole has been dug to put in the new cocoa filter system. Moffitt will be placing the septic system before the August meeting.
- iii. Nature Playscape Update
 1. EE Coordinator Kelsey Longnecker has met with Jane Coleacchi. She came in and helped create a plan to set up a fundraiser plan. She also met with Ryan and Sarah from Linn County. They fundraised for their Nature Playscape and shared some great ideas for brochure and publications for their project.
 2. She has been trying to touch base with Snyder and Associates but has not been able to make contact.

c. Upcoming Events

- i. Mallory Wells presented up coming events. Warren County Fair, Farm to Table, RAGBRAI, National Balloon Classic, Dutch Oven cooking, Archery, and Story Walk.

d. Financial Report

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

e. Approval of Bills

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

f. Adjournment

- i. Angie Croll made a motion to adjourn at 6:02 pm. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.