

# Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 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:

Mark Kickbush, President

Joe Schettler, Secretary

Sue Boll

Angie Croll

Comprising a quorum of the board

Absent:

Ace Hendricks, Vice President

Also present:

Mark Wilson, Director

Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Spc.

Mallory Wells, Office Manager

Mankato Stonebrook, Cons. Tech

Monty Freeman, FWCC Treasurer

Zach Hall, Director

Kelsey Longnecker, EE Coordinator

Hannah Hernandez, Naturalist

Nathan Reinke, Cons. Tech

- i. Convene
  - a. Agenda deletions
    - i. None
- ii. Reading of the Minutes
  - a. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve the July 2024 minutes as written. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- iii. Staff Reports
  - a. Director - Hall
    - i. Hall has been working on a REAP Grant and was able to get that submitted Wednesday August 14th. His focus has been on meeting with different groups and organizations. Through these meetings he was able to secure matching funds to use in the Grant. He was able to secure letters of support from the following entities, Warren County Board of Supervisors, State of Iowa Archeologist, Simpson College President, Wildlife Diversity Coordinator, Iowa DNR Ecologist, and Friends of Warren County Conservation.

iv. Friends of Warren County Conservation

a. Prairie Picnic

- i. They are focusing their efforts on the Prairie Picnic that will be held on September 21st. Tickets are on sale through the FWCC link on the Warren County Website. They have currently sold roughly 20 tickets.

v. Business Agenda

a. New Business

- i. Remove Cael Meyer from payroll.
  1. Angie Croll made a motion to remove Cael Meyer from payroll effective August 9, 2024. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Remove Lucas Wilgenbush from payroll.
  1. Angie Croll made a motion to remove Lucas Wilgenbush from payroll effective August 16, 2024. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- iii. Budget Committee creation
  1. President Mark Kickbush asked members to join a budget committee to start discussing budgets.
  2. The committee will consist of President Mark Kickbush, Secretary Joe Schettler, and Directors Mark Wilson and Zach Hall. The group will discuss a date and time to meet soon.
- iv. My County Park checking account
  1. Joe Schettler made a motion to approve Zach Hall and Mallory Wells as authorized personal for My County Parks bank account. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Discussion Items

- i. REAP Grant Update
  1. WCCB submitted the REAP Grant on August 15, 2024.
- ii. MOTUS Wildlife Tracking System
  1. Anna Buckhart-Thomas, Iowa DNR Avian Ecologist, is working with Zach and Friends of WCC for logistics on equipment installation.
- iii. Nature Playscape Update
  1. EE Coordinator Kelsey Longnecker presented the board with a rough draft of the playscape concept obtained from Snyder & Associates. This gives an aerial view of the play area.
  2. After meeting with Hall and bringing him up to speed on the project, they walked the area adding flags to mark the different areas and they discussed adding a restroom. This will require a meeting with Environmental Health to see if that is feasible.
  3. This project will need to be rolled out in phases and will come at a cost upwards of \$500,000.00.



c. Financial Report

- i. Director Wilson shared that the State Recreation Trails grant is being paid. It was budgeted into the Fiscal Year 2025 budget to cover the cost of Engineering Design.

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. Sue Boll made a motion to adjourn at 5:40 pm. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.