

1. Call to Order

David Riley, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Starr's Cave Nature Center

Those Members Present: David Riley, Cathy Ziglar, James Steer, Stacey Rector and Jim Garnjobst

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Supervisor Bob Beck, Lyle Triska, Gary Fell, Paul Ziglar, Amanda Delperdang, Kim Perlstein and Joel Behne

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. Moved up from New Business 11a. BMAC Building Request.

Lyle Triska and Gary Fell were present to represent BMAC. Lyle addressed the board with a request to build and or place a car port on the airfield property; behind the currently existing garage. The requested carport would be approximately 21' x 18' and open sided. The structure would be placed this fall or early next spring.

Board members requested that a drawing of the structure or a picture be provided to Director Perlstein prior to placement. Lyle assured them they would do that. Lyle was encouraged to use the *One Call* before any construction was started. He agreed that they would do that.

- #52 : Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve request to place a carport type structure on the BMAC airfield at Big Hollow. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

3. Delegations/Public Input:

None.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- #53 Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

5. Approval of Report of Activities for August 2012:

- #54 a. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the reports of activity for August 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. Approval of Claims for August 2012:

- #55 a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Stacey Rector, to approve the claims for August 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

8. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. Cathy Ziglar. 1 - \$30.00 cash donation utilizing Pay Pal on Website.
- b. Big Hollow Hydraulics, c/o Russ Bonar - \$100.00 for the Top Shot Fundraising Event.
- c. Scheels, c/o Brad Anderson. Seven Gift cards totaling \$175.00 for Top Shot Fundraising Event.
- d. Schrock Lumber Co., c/o Carolyn Breder. \$100.00 for the Top Shot Fundraising Event.
- e. SignTec, c/o Scot Noll. Design of Big Hollow Top Shot Logo. Valued \$100.00.
- f. Fleck Sales, c/o Tim Mandersheid. Big Hollow Beach Bash. Banners, Beer License, Value \$800.00.
- g. 101.7 The Bull. BH Beach Bash. Advertising, Radio remote broadcast, artist booking. Value \$1,500.00.
- h. Holtkamp Trailer Repair. Hauling portable stage to and from BH Beach Bash. Value \$500.00.
- i. Paddle Wheelers CB Club. Dunk Tank for BH Beach Bash. Value \$10.00.
- j. City of West Burlington, c/o Dan Gifford. BH Beach Bash. \$650.00 discount of stage.

Acceptance of Donations: Continued

- k. Sean Costanza. Performance at the BH Beach Bash. Value \$200.00
- l. Fenton Sales & Pawn, c/o Danielle Fenton. \$100.00 for the BH Top Shot Fundraiser.
- m. Wal-Mart DC6009. One pallet (120 bags) of 20 lb bags of ice melt valued at \$291.60.
- n. Zion Church School. \$50.00 for the Starr's Cave Nature Center.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. **Shooting Range:** No report

- b. **Flint River Trails:** Director Perlstein reported that the Go Ahead has been received from SHPO and DOT. On 09-05-12 Director Perlstein met with Cole Construction, Cole Construction is presently tied up on another project. Construction should begin again in October and they have indicated they believe they will have no problem completing the project prior to December 31st, 2012 as required.
DOT emailed and wanted a couple months extension regarding placement of 2 footbridges. County Engineer Carter assisted with an answer to the DOT declining the request as they have had more than enough time to complete their studies. Indicating that Conservation has deadlines and the request would put deadline in jeopardy. Rock is what is most needed for the trail completion!

- c. **Observatory:** No report.

- d. **REAP:** Director Perlstein reported that on September 11th, there will be a hearing in Des Moines on the grants awarded for the latest round of grant applications. Justin Bushong, SEIRPC, will be on hand to address questions regarding this grant application on behalf of Des Moines County Conservation. This grant is needed for the Baker Property project.

10. Project Updates:

Operations Supervisor Lee: Director Perlstein reporting for Chris.

- Chris has been introducing shooting sports out at Gahn. He has been working with the DNR to get some grant funding to get an Archery program started for the shooting sports. He had a meeting with the principals of both Burlington Community High School and Notre Dame about starting an archery program in the schools. Burlington is extremely receptive. A woman from the Danville area has also expressed interested in this type of program for their school area as well.
- The dam portion of Leaky Pond Fish Habitat Grant at BH has been completed.
- Cabin. Chris has been in contact with Kevin Moore to let him know he can once again get to the cabin and start working.
- The campground at BH is finished being hauled and spread. The grass is approximately 70% established.
- REC is to be on site in the next couple of weeks to run electricity to the campground.
- Water is already at the campground.
- Next step will be to run utilities to individual sites.

11. Old Business:

- a. 50th Anniversary
 - The Beach Bash was “Bash less” rain scared the public away. However, there was a generous donation and advertisement was not charged for.
 - Top Shot is coming up on the September 15th. Ranger Graham is in charge of this event. There has been lots of interest from the public. Whitey’s restaurant is going to be on hand to sell food and drinks.
 - On that same day an Open House will be held at Gahn. This was originally scheduled a year ago and although the Trumpeter Swans are no longer there people do like to fish the pond and it will go on as originally planned.

12. New Business:

- a. BMAC – Building request
Moved up to 2a.
- b. Request use of alcohol - Dieworld
Letter of request to the board.

#56 a. Motion by Stacey Rector, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve use of alcohol at the wedding rehearsal on October 26th. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

13. Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:

- a.
 - Barge Party on the Living Lands and Waters Barge will be held on September 06, 2012. 6:00 p.m. at the north ramp.
 - IACCB Membership Renewal Certificate for FY 12/13 to the board.

14. Adjournment:

#57 a. A motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Stacey Rector, to adjourn the September 05, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6.20 p.m...

David Riley, Chair

Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer