

1. Call to Order

Cathy Ziglar, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

Those Members Present: Cathy Ziglar, Angela Vaughan, James Steer, Jim Garnjobst and LaVon Worley

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chris Lee and Office Manager Behne

2. a. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

Informational Items

d. Corp of Engineers project Hawkeye Dolbee – Chris Lee

e. Backyard Abundance – LaVon Worley

3. Delegations/Public Input:

a. None

4. a. Approval of Minutes for August 06, 2014:

#72. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Angela Vaughan, to approve the minutes of the August 06, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. a. Approval of Minutes for August 11, 2014 Special Meeting:

#73. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by LaVon Worley, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Special Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. Approval of Report of Activities for August 2014:

#74 a. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Angela Vaughan to approve the reports of activity for August 2014. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

7. Approval of Claims for August 2014:

#75. a. Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the claims for August 2014. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

8. Acceptance of Donations

- a. Dean Wilson Estate. Three White tail head mounts. One wild boar head mount. Three (3) antlers mounted (European style). Estimated value \$1,000.
- b. Brockway Company. Donated time and materials in the amount of \$612.30 while building a fish cleaning station for Big Hollow Lake valued at \$1,636.86.
- c. Jerry Rigdon. \$2,000 for the Leopold House donation
- d. Steve Brower. 36 prairie plugs to be used at the Aldo Leopold Middle School. Valued \$108.00.
- e. Chong Cha Mathias Memorial. SCNC Renovations. \$50.00.
- f. Family of Chong Cha Mathias. To be used for Starr's Cave Nature Center. \$320.00.
- g. M. Janet Schmid. Chong Cha Mathias Memorial. To be used for SCNC. \$50.00.
- h. Pat Mayle. Monthly donations. \$15.00. Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- i. Joyce Holley. \$50.00. Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- j. Kathy Moore. \$50.00. Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- k. Gina Buttray. \$50.00. Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- l. Kay H. Jacobs. \$50.00. Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- m. Red Fern Farm, Wapello, IA 3 - Arnoia Berry Bushes. Valued at 20.00 each SCNC Landscape.
- n. Judy Smithson-Hilkin. 10 Compasses. Valued at \$10.00 each - \$100.00 total value.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer – There was no meeting. No report.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** Jim Garnjobst. Dr. Foss Memorial Bench is to be dedicated on the trail on September 20th, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.
- c. **Observatory:** LaVon Worley – No report.
- d. **REAP:** Cathy Ziglar. – No report.

10. Project Updates: By Director Lee

- a.. Baker Project.
The appraisal has been updated and a review of the updated appraisal has been completed as required. These documents have been sent in to DOT and they are satisfied with the documents. IDNR will need to be determined.
- b. Big Hollow.
The final Indiana Bat Survey as required for the Big Hollow Lake Project has been completed. A printed copy will be sent to the appropriate agencies.

A Big Hollow Lake Wetlands Survey will be taking place soon to complete that portion of required documentation.
- c. Starr's Cave Nature Center
Kent will be meeting soon with a class at Southeastern Community College to work with them toward completing a CAD drawing of the Nature Center before work will begin.
- d. Flint River Trail. Work on the trail continues. IDOT and the County Engineer are working on the US 61 approach and bypass.
- e. Other.
Archaeological study at SCP&P has been completed. Hard copies have been received. An appropriate route has been determined. No archaeological problems within the area that will stop or delay the trail.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

a. DMCC Annual Report:

Director Lee presented the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Annual Report to the Board.

#76. A motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the Annual Report as presented and provided by Director Lee. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

b. LWCF Project Agreement:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Project have been reviewed. The document was signed by Chairwoman Ziglar after the motion passed.

#77. A motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve LWCF Project Agreement. Motion approved unanimously by all members present.

13. Informational Items/Correspondence:

a. Pohren correspondence

A major portion of the Beneficiary Distribution from the Leo Marvin Pohren Estate has been received.

An informational kiosk is planned for the Big Hollow Area. This kiosk will be used to identify, as originally promised, the major donors for the Big Hollow Lake Project. This generous gift from the Pohren Estate will be used to complete this project.

b. REAP Grant Scoring.

The grant as originally submitted was broken into two separate grants as the review committee was unable to determine out how to score it.

The Land or Baker portion of the Grant scored 12th of 21 grants submitted.

The Development portion of the Grant scored 20th of 21 grants submitted.

Director Lee acknowledged that the #1 & 2 successful applications were very good projects and they received the largest portion of the funding that was available.

New ideas for the next REAP grant process will be worked into any upcoming grants.

c. Barn Painting Party

October 9, 10 & 11th have been set for the SCNC Barn Painting. A designated safety director will need to be on hand for the entire time as there will be ladder and aerial work being completed. Volunteers are being solicited as are materials from local vendors. The event is being well received. Some type of lunch will be provided for our volunteers. As the Conservation Department has a very small budget for this project it appeared to be a great way to accomplish getting the building primed and painted. A mailing postcard has been put out as well as other electronic marketing.

d. Corps of Engineers – Hawkeye Dolbee

The Corps is working on a project in the upper pool. They have asked permission to stage out of the Hawkeye Dolbee Landing. They are to put the parking lot back into the shape it is currently in once they have completed their mission. They are not to block the boat ramp. They may use the boat ramp as needed.

e. Backyard Abundance.

LaVon wanted to let the board know that the program “Backyard Abundance” that Kent put on and Fred Meyers of Iowa City facilitated was a great program. There were over 50 in attendance on a Saturday August 23.

f. FEMA Buyout Letter

Director Lee advised the letter regarding the use of our FEMA Buyout property has been sent and received. Apparently the owners on both sides have nothing to do with what is taking place on our property. More work on this will be conducted. A report will follow.

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14. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

#78. A motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Angela Vaughan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members.

Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on October 01, 2014. The public is welcome.

Cathy Ziglar, Chair

Jim Garnjobst, Secretary/Treasurer