

1. **Call to Order**
LaVon Worley, 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: LaVon Worley, Jim Steer, Cathy Ziglar, Angela Vaughan.

Those Members Absent: Jim Garnjobst

Others Present: Director Chris Lee, Bob Beck

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - a. Agenda item 10(a) was deleted from the meeting.
3. **Delegations/Public Input:**
 - a. None
4. **Approval of Minutes for August 02, 2017 :**
#43
 - a. Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the minutes of the August 02, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
5. **Approval of Claims for August 2017:**
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 - a. Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for August 2017. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
6. **Acceptance of Donations:**
 - a. Gerald Wills, \$270.00 to be used for shooting range.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Shooting Range:** No new items.
 - b. **Flint River Trails:** No new items.
 - c. **Observatory:** The observatory had a very busy month with numerous events and visitors. It was noted that Judy Hilkin won Educator of the Year and the Southeast Iowa Astronomy Club won Volunteer Group of the Year.
 - d. **REAP/IWILL:** The annual report to the State was just finished and submitted. There is a REAP assembly scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30pm at the Starr's Cave Nature Center.
8. **Project Updates:**
 - a. **Linder Property Purchase:** The purchase agreement should be prepared and ready to execute this month. This purchase is 100% grant funded.
 - b. **Leopold Rec Area:** Pond construction is complete. The depth of the pond was raised from approximately 4 foot to 17 foot. There are many new fish structure and increased access to fishing.
 - c. **SCNC Reconstruction:** Demolition and reconstruction of the Nature Center 2nd floor will begin this October and run through December. New displays will be installed in January & February in time for the Spring field trip season.
 - d. **Flint River Trail:** Bid letting for the tail section of the trail is scheduled for November 21st. The middle section of the trail will be let sometime in December.

- e. **Big Hollow:** Construction is all but complete. The contractor is just waiting on the water towers for the dump station. Seeding in the campground will be completed this week. Cover crop was planted on the mound and will be reseeded with native grasses.
- f. **Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet:** There was discussion about the future of the event to give it broader public appeal. The consensus is that we still need to recognize our volunteers, but perhaps pivot this to a fundraising event as well.

9. **Old Business:**

#45

a. **Shower House:**

Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the purchase of the Jack Pine model shower house from Huffcutt.

Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

10. **New Business:**

#46

a. **Budget Amendment:**

Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the Budget Amendment.

Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

11. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**

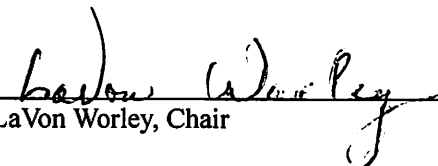
a. **Fall ISAC Report.**

b. **FY 16-17 Annual Report**

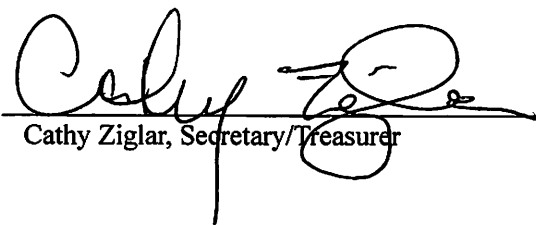
12. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

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 Wednesday October 04, 2017.

The public is welcome.



LaVon Worley, Chair



Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer