

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, James Garnjobst, Angela Vaughan

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, Tim Brown, George Gruenther, Kevin Moore.

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - a. Agenda item 10(a) was moved to item 3.
3. **Agreement with Friends of Des Moines County Conservation**
 - a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Angela Vaughan for the formation of the Friends of Des Moines County Conservation group. Motion passed by unanimously by those members present.
4. **Delegations/Public Input:**
 - a. None
5. **Approval of Minutes for September 06, 2017 :**
 - #51 a. Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the minutes of the October 04, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
6. **Approval of Claims for October 2017:**
 - #52 a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by James Garnjobst to approve the claims for October 2017. Motion passed 4-0 (James Steer abstained).
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Shooting Range:** No new items.
 - b. **Flint River Trails:** No new items.
 - c. **Observatory:** The observatory continues to be open when conditions are favorable.
 - d. **REAP/TWILL:** There was a REAP assembly Tuesday, October 17 at Starr's Cave Nature Center. Delegates were elected for the REAP Congress to be held in January.
8. **Project Updates:**
 - a. **Flint River Trail:** The new section through Starr's Cave is out for bid.
 - b. **Big Hollow:** Watershed Assessment has been completed. The new donor panel will be completed soon.
 - c. **Grant Money:** We have received both the annual REAP grant and the fish habitat reimbursement for the Leopold pond reconstruction.
 - d. **Linder Property:** Purchase agreement is on the agenda. Abstract will be completed this week.
 - e. **Starr's Cave Nature Center:** Demolition has begun on the second floor and construction is expected to begin next week. USG has donated the drywall, and will be recognized as a donor at a later meeting.

f. **General Updates:** Campgrounds remain strong through the end of October. All parks are closed with the exception of the campgrounds. Water will be shut off as the temperatures drop. Dragon boat races will be coming to Big Hollow in May of 2018.

9. **Old Business:**

a. **Big Hollow Shooting Range Lead Removal:**

The bid came back for lead removal from the berms. The bid was \$35,000. No action will be taken at this time.

b. **Linder Property Purchase Agreement:**

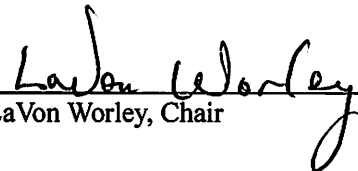
#53 Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by James Steer to approve the purchase agreement.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

10. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**

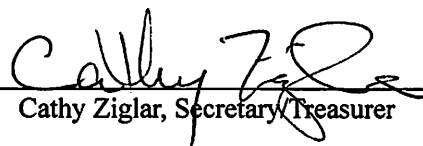
a. **LaVon Worley** - LaVon's term expires at the end of 2017. He does not wish to renew. We will advertise for a replacement to be appointed at the January 2018 meeting.

11. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:29 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 December 06, 2017.
The public is welcome.



LaVon Worley, Chair



Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer