

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting August 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Lee County Conservation Center, 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639

1. Called to order at 6:00 pm by Sylvester

Roll Call: Whitaker X Holland X Fullhart-Snyder X Sylvester X Mullan A

Staff Present: Unsworth, Clark Hudson, Oldfield, Pawling, Steele, Paeg

Supervisor Liaison Present: Don Hunold

2. Duck Hunting Rules Presentation

Nathan Unsworth did a presentation for the Board and guests explaining the river properties owned by LCCB and the rules pertaining to each area.

3. Public Input

Registered Speakers: Robert Stotlar, Burlington; Pat Armstrong, Fort Madison; Bernie McCauley, West Point ; Kevin Reckhammer, West Burlington; Steve Finney, Donnellson; Frenchy, Fort Madison; Mark Conlee, Montrose; Brandon Ruffcorn, Donnellson; JJ, Burlington; Mike Johnson, Fort Madison; Michael Edens, West Point; Scott Young, Mt Pleasant ; Fred Hoenig, Fort Madison; Evan Longanecker, Montrose; Kurt Ross, Wever; Mike Klesner, Denmark; Ed Bartholomew, Montrose; Ed Kircher, Keokuk; Colton Howell, Keokuk; Billy Burchett, Donnellson; Bob Beaver, Fort Madison; Mark Miller, Nauvoo, IL; Randy Burgess, Burlington; Greg Hellige, Fort Madison

Speakers voiced concerns over LCCB duck blinds rules. Concerns shared included safety, changes to tradition, youth hunting, lack of communication from LCCB regarding purchase of property, timing of the new rules announcement, liability, and how past blind rules were too strict.

5. Approval of minutes from July 11, 2017

Motioned by Whitaker to approve the minutes

2nd: Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Whitaker, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

6. Approval of August bills

Motioned by Whitaker to approve bills.

2nd: Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Whitaker, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

7. Approval of financial report

Motioned by Holland to approve the financial report

2nd: Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Whitaker, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

8. Consider approval to install a gate or barrier to prevent vehicle access at all times to Indian Path on the southeast side of Hwy 61 near the Railroad Bridge.

LCCB received a request from the railroad regarding this issue. Park rangers agreed this would reduce negative activities from taking place on the area.

Motioned by Holland to install a gate or barrier to prevent vehicle access at all times to Indian Path on the southeast side of Hwy 61 near railroad bridge

2nd: Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Whitaker, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

9 Consider approval to install gate to restrict vehicle access at Indian Path on the Northwest side of Hwy61 during high water, wet conditions, etc

Motioned by Holland to install gate to restrict vehicle access at Indian Path on the Northwest side of HWY 61 during high water, wet conditions, etc

2nd: Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Whitaker, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

10. Staff Reports

- Steele reported 310 participants in July educational programs and about the extern program that just concluded.
- Oldfield reported 400 camping nights, 2700 beach admissions, 27 cabin rentals, and 10 shelter reservations.
- Tebbs and Johnson had previous engagements. Unsworth reported on landowner calls, equipment rentals, and other general maintenance.
- Unsworth reported that Dave Bufford donated rip rap at Turkey Run Wildlife Area and Red Wing River Access.

13. Board Comments

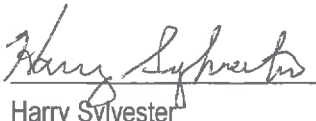
A special meeting will be held before duck season to revisit rules and regulations for this year.

15. Adjournment

Motioned by Holland to adjourn at 9:00 pm

2nd: Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Whitaker, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder



Harry Sylvester
LCCB President

William Mullan
LCCB Secretary