

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting March 14 2017 6 pm

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

1. Call to order at 2:17 pm by Sylvester

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

Staff Present: Buckley, Oldfield, Clark-Hudson, Steele, Pawling, Tebbs, Paeg

2. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

3. Guests or Special Interests groups Don Hunold Mr. Rockhold

Mr. Rockhold asked if he could clear the shad out of the barrow pit at the Heron Bend Fishing Area. It was suggested that we contact Chad Dolan from IDNR and ask him some questions in regards to this request. He stated that he is a commercial fisherman and would donate 10 cents a pound that he would get for the shad. He would also remove any undesirable fish from the area. Buckley said he would be in contact with Mr. Rockhold after the IDNR was contacted.

4. Approval of Bills

MOTION to accept bills

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

5. Approval of Financials/Revenue

MOTION to accept financials and revenues

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

6. Foundation Update

Buckley reported that over \$1400.00 has been donated since our last meeting. Next foundation meeting is scheduled for April 2017.

7. Parks Report

Oldfield reported on 58 camping nights; 4 cabin nights; cleaning and inspection of cabins and related maintenance He also has been patrolling and working on the production of fire wood. Oldfield stated that he has cosntructed the camping coupon books for the season as well. Buckley updated the board on the situation at Wilson Lake. The Armstrong's attorney has been informed of our position and has taken it to his clients. Buckley followed up with Ameren in regards to the 21 acres of property to the east of the Heron Bend Conservation Area. He was informed that they were working on it slowly. Don Hunold updated the Board about Chatfield, stated that some septic systems are currently being put in, and all should be completed by the end of the year.

8. Education Report

Steele reported on the school programs and public programs. He reported that 38 school programs took place, with 648 kids attending. Steele reported 6 public programs with 75 people attending. Stefanie Paeg has done some programming on her own, due to Steele having Federal Jury Duty. Education presented a program to the Keokuk Garden Club as well. The Illinois Master Conservationists brought their group to our area to bird watch, and toured our facility. Steele also reported on the Central Lee High School Science Fair that took place at Heron Bend. Steele reported that training of Paeg has been adjusting nicely to the position and she is picking up things very quickly.

9 Wildlife Report

Tebbs reported on workshops attended including annual non for profit training he is currently attending. Johnson completed forest reserves for the assessor's office. Channel 7 broadcasted live from Heron Bend, with Buckley, Tebbs, Johnson, and Dennis Fraise with Lee County Economic Development all appearing on the news at five am that day. Tebbs reported dealing with incoming calls regarding a variety of topics including wildlife

questions. Tebbs and Johnson attended pesticide training for their annual refresher. Tebbs and Johnson have been working on calibrating the new drill for each type of seed that will be used in it. Additionally, firebreak checks, food plot plantings and Native Grass plantings also took place.

10. Review/Approve step increase for Administrative Assistant at Class V step 5 at \$19.33p/h

MOTION to approve step increase for Admin. Assistant

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

11 Consider approval/sponsorship for Quail Forever

MOTION to approve sponsorship of Quail Forever in the amount of \$250.00

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

12. Approve/sign mowing contract for 2017 with Brad Bork of Blades of Green

MOTION to approve mowing contract for 2017

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

13. Review/approve contracts with campground hosts for 2017

Oldfield reported that the hosts for the areas are as follows

Pollmiller - Don Glasgow

Wilson Lake (1/2 season for each) Jim Patrick and Al Strokeland

Chatfield - Larry Parrish

MOTION to approve campground hosts for 2017

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

14. Comments from the Board

Buckley discussed the IWILL legislation leaving the ways and means committee. He suggested everyone contact Heaton to thank him for his support of this legislation. Buckley thanked Tebbs for his hard work on this subject. This is vital for the conservation system in Iowa. It still has a way to go, but it is looking positive for it. Buckley reported 31 applications received for the director's position. He suggests that we attempt interviews in the next two weeks. Wednesday and Thursday of the week of March 20 were discussed as interview dates. Holland wanted to let the board know he thought the article on Mrs. Denning in the paper was excellent.

15. Next Meeting is April 11, 2017 at 6 pm

15. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 6:33 pm

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker



Harry Sylvester
LCCB President

William Mullan
LCCB Secretary