

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting July 14th , 2015

6:00 pm for regular meeting

Heron Bend, 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order @ 6:00 pm by Sylvester

Roll Call: Whitaker __x__ Holland __A__ Fullhart-Snyder __x__ Sylvester __x__ Mullan __x__

Staff Present: Buckley, Tebbs, Bulger, Oldfield, Clark-Hudson, Pawling,

Supervisor Present: Don Hunold

2. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Sylvester/Mullan

Ayes: Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder

3. Guests or Special Interests groups -John Hansen and Ed from the architects are in attendance. Buckley suggests we move to #13 on the agenda.

13. Update on building progress: Building is moving along fine, Interior walls are going up. The mechanical room will be completely finished (paint and all) before any machinery is moved into it. The city of Fort Madison basically backed out of the deal for us to receive their water. Rathbun does business with the city of Fort Madison, so they are not an option for us at this time. We are looking into the cost of boring under the road to bring the water to our facility. Jansen will call Larry Dinwiddie and ask him to bring it to us. Rodger suggests we do 6" under road in case of an addition to the building in the future. A change order was issued to make the soffit vertical.

MOTION to approve change order for vertical soffit

Sylvester/Whitaker

Ayes: Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder

4. Approval of bills as written

MOTION to bills as written

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes: Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder

5. Approval of financials and revenues

MOTION to approve financials and revenues

6. Foundation Report: Fundraisers are shaping up, our meeting for the banquet fund raiser is set for July 16th @ 3pm

7. Parks Report: update on Chatfield Campground electric. All electrical done, waiting for inspector. Should be open by next weekend. 392 camp nights, very busy month. 21 cabin rental nights. Had a larger meter installed at Wilson Lake, had over 1000 people at the beach in June. Met with the attorney regarding the slip/fall suit.

8. Education Report: Summer camps have been very well attended. Programs have taken place at local libraries, the extension. Got a large telescope donated to us!

9. Wildlife Report: White Tails forever will be here on Wednesday July 15th at 10:00 am for photo op and the presentation of a \$5000 check to our foundation. This is just one of the checks they have given us for the building. The first check was for \$1500. So we have received \$6500 from White Tails for the new Nature Center. Worked with landowners and their CRP, equipment maintenance, Food plot planting, patrolling. Meetings with landowners on site. Working on fund raising.

10. Discussion on Changes for Duck Blind drawing: Whitaker, Buckley, Tebbs, and Kircher met to discuss changes to the drawing. One of the changes is we will require all those who wish to draw to have a valid hunting license. We will leave the drawing open until the beginning of hunting season. Instituting a 3 yr policy instead of a one year. Blinds need to be well marked, and ONLY factory produced decoys that resemble birds can be used. No more milk jugs spray painted black and left to float down river. All people that will be using the blind should be held responsible for the blind and the actions that take place on it. Not just the person who drew. All hunters that will use the blind will be liable as well.

11. Discussion on converting residence at Pollmiller into a rental: Clint and his family have found a house that fits them, so he will be moving out of Pollmiller. Buckley suggests we remove the carpeting, and put down an easy clean floor, purchase furnishings for it, and hope to have it available for rental by spring. This has the potential to create some good revenue for LCCB.

12. Update on site development SEIRP plan: Zach James is 3/4 through the final draft. He will be on the August agenda to present the draft to us. The final unveiling of the plans will go along with the opening of the new Nature Center.

14. Comments/Questions from the board

The sign that Sandra purchased and put up for the new building, she would like everyone who was involved in the construction and staff to sign it, or write a small message on it, and she will take it home.

15. Next meeting is set for Tuesday August 11th at 6:00 pm at Heron Bend.

20. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 7:26 pm

Sylvester/Mullan

Ayes; Mullan, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Whitaker

Sandra Fullhart-Snyder

LCCB President

William Mullan

LCCB Secretary