

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting April 14, 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  Holland  Fullhart-Snyder  Sylvester  Mullan

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

Supervisor Present: Don Hunold

2. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

3. Guests or Special Interests groups - John Hansen Buckley suggested we move to #10 & #14 of the agenda for John to update the board.

10. Review/Approve contract with Alliant for new building electrical service

Hansen stated the first price quote from Alliant was \$7,500 even with a rebate it was going to come to roughly \$5000. Upon talking with Alliant and agreeing to single phase 220 service the cost will be \$3,151

MOTION to approve contract with Alliant

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

14. Update of Building Progress

Hansen updated the Board on the building progress. All Pro will be inserting the conduit into the pre cast. We will have their labor and travel time for this to pay for. Hansen estimates it will be around \$1000. Hansen met with Stanley Consultants; they are stopping service at the N corner of Gregory's. There will be 410 ft of waterline to the new building. Hansen has been working with Deb Mathis at Stanley's, she's working to get the best option for the water flow for the sewer. Hansen will get a proposal together when all of this is worked out. The City of Fort Madison is working well with us on the cost of the project.

Current schedule: panels will be started on 4-15 and should be complete by 4-17. Panels and Decking will be on site by 5-4. The bar joist should be available by 5-4. The project should have a closed in building by 5-15, then the interior work can begin. All change orders have been issued, and we are approximately \$9,453.00 under the \$750,000.00 mark. The building should go up very quickly. Keokuk Contractors have worked well with Midwest Construction; they are a good group of people to work with.

4. Approval of Bills

Questions about the Huffman charges, when Clark Hudson investigated, it was discovered that field in the spreadsheet had not been cleared from the previous month. The total charges for Huffman's is \$39.75

MOTION to approve bills

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

5. Approval of Financials/Revenue

MOTION to approve financials and revenues

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

6. Foundation Update: Meeting upcoming this Thursday April 16th, at 4 pm. All of our fundraising has been focused on the Upcoming Chicken Dinner at the Charleston Board of Trade. Bulger and Buckley met with the principal at Fort Madison Schools and they will be utilizing us for archery. Buckley has calls into Central Lee and Keokuk Schools. Buckley has been playing phone tag with these schools. Buckley has sent out letters to businesses requesting meetings, still awaiting answers from businesses.

7. Parks Report: Culverts ordered and delivered for the Wilson Lake Project. Campground maintenance has taken place; Camping and Cabin rentals have begun for the season. Culvert replaced at Turkey Run.

8. Education Report: Month of March 873 kids were served with 46 varied programs. Field days are coming up soon. In March we had our Easter Egg Hunt, which we had around 170 people attend. Used South Prairie due to building construction; Kids seemed to enjoy themselves a lot. Programming at Keokuk Public Library; Hunter safety took place in March with 15 attendees; Bulger and Steele attended a conference where they learned more about Monarch Butterflies; and pollinator gardens which we will utilize around our new building. Lots of field trips coming up; summer programs are scheduled. Bulger wrote a grant for \$3,000 for the library and this was received. Newsletter is now available online, and will be in print in about a week.

9. Wildlife Report: Forest Reserve checks, proscribed burns, CRP projects, \$40,000 native grass seed order, Preventative plowing, Met with numerous land owners, several burns, Attended wildlife workshop, scored deer, attended several fundraising meetings, Johnson attended CCPOA conference, worked with DNR on the youth dove hunt, cleared trees, and cut firewood and mulched trees.

11. Approve new pay grid FY2015-2016

MOTION to approve new pay grid

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Holland, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester

12. Review/Approve equipment purchases

- Brush Cutter \$16,250.00
- Dump Trailer \$7991.63
- Blade for Tractor \$8000.00

Buckley suggests we order these items now in order for them to go into the new budget

MOTION to approve order of these three items

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Holland, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester

13. Review/Approve step increase for Naturalist

MOTION to approve step increase from Step VI class 1 at \$18.61 to Step VI class 2 at \$19.16 for Naturalist

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Holland, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester

15. Approve 2014 Annual Report

MOTION to approve 2014 annual report

Whitaker/ Mullan

Ayes: Holland, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester

16. Update on Fundraising dinner

We have sold over 200 adult tickets. Buckley will contact Tom Benner and find out when we should be at Charleston Board of Trade on Sunday for our Fundraiser. Buckley will let everyone know what time to be there as soon as he finds out.

17. Comments/ Committee reports from the board.

Very happy with the groundwork that is taking place for the building. May 4th the walls should start to go up. Buckley mentioned JD Electric promoting solar energy with 30 - 40 % of the electric metering going through panels. The cost up front on this is nearly would vary from 47,000 - \$90,000.00 and would have to be covered completely by grant funds if pursued.

18. Next meeting is set for Tuesday May 12th at 6:00 pm at Heron Bend.

20. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 7:14 pm

Mullan/Whitaker

Ayes; Mullan, Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

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Sandra Fullhart-Snyder

LCCB President

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William Mullan

LCCB Secretary