



# LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2013 MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sandra Fullhart-Snyder, William Mullan, Kevin Brothers, Mike Pulis, Rodger Whitaker

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Tom Buckley, Diana Ver Dught, Clint Oldfield

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Sandra Fullhart-Snyder at 6:00 pm at the Heron Bend Conservation Area, 2652 Highway 61, Montrose, Iowa 52639.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION:** Whitaker/Mullan  
Approve minutes as presented

Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**GUESTS OR INTEREST GROUPS:** Board of Supervisor, Ernest Schiller, Kevin Feehan

### APPROVAL OF BILLS

**MOTION:** Whitaker/Pulis  
Approve bills as presented

Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL/REVENUE:

**MOTION:** Pulis/Mullan  
Approve financial and revenue reports as presented

Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**PARK REPORTS:** Buckley reminded the Board that LCCB obtained a grant to place a water control structure at North Heron Bend. Buckley told the Board that he and Board of Supervisor Schiller had attended a meeting with concerned citizens who are blaming this structure for the flooding of Devils Creek. Buckley assured the Board that the road had flooded for many years prior to this water control structure. Buckley went over the many avenues that may assist in reducing the flood; however it would not be cost effective to the County.

**FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Buckley informed the Board of donations received since the December 6<sup>th</sup> mailing. And a CD that matured and what the Foundation Boards intentions are to use the money from the matured CD to help fund the Kids Fishing Tournaments.

**REVIEW AGREEMENT WITH THE CROTON COMMUNITY CLUB:** A lengthy discussion took place and the Board asked that the Community Club be asked to attend the next meeting.

**DUSCUSSIONS ON SURVEYING, GUIDLINES FOR NEW RIVER PROPERTY AND DUCK BLIND USAGE:**

MOTION: Pulis/Mullan  
Adopt the current guidelines used at Lotus Flats and Northern Winds  
Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**APPROVAL OF STEP INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT NATURALIST ROSS GEERDES:**

MOTION: Brothers/Pulis  
Approve step increase for Geerdes from Class V Step 3 at 16.21 per hour to Class V Step 4 at 16.70 per hour. Effective 9/8/12.  
Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**SETTING OF ANNIVERSARY DATE FOR PERSONNEL WHEN MOVING FROM PART-TIME TO FULL TIME:**

MOTION: Pulis/Whitaker  
Change Geerdes Anniversary date from March to September and pay Geerdes his back pay. In the future, to contact the Benefits Director to apply the correct anniversary when a change from part-time to full time is made.  
Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**APPROVAL OF CAMP HOST POSITION:**

MOTION: Whitaker/Mullan  
We approve Ron Carter for Wilson Lake, Larry Parrish for Chatfield Park, and Randy Rippenkroeger for Pollmiller Park and Tatum Howell for Concessionaire at Pollmiller Beach.

Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**REVIEW/APPROVE BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF PARK RANGER TRUCK:**

MOTION: Pulis/Whitaker  
To accept bid for \$23,000.68 with the 8' long bed.

Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**RECEIVE AND FILE ANNUAL REPORT:**

MOTION: Mullan/Brothers  
To approve annual report.

Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

Schiller asked that copies be provided to the Board of Supervisors and Lee County Budget Director.

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:** Buckley told the Board that the Health Department has decided to do a building on their own.

Buckley informed the Board that only the shared areas would change on the feasibility study.

Buckley asked the Board to put some thought toward rather they would like to consider building a building of our own.

**PROJECT REPORTS UPDATE:** Buckley highlighted some of the projects completed and the upcoming events.

**COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD:** Mullan informed the Director that the area sign at the Heron Bend Fishing Area needs some work.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 14, 2013 at 6:00 pm at Heron Bend Conservation Area


**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE:**

**MOTION:** Pulis/Whitaker  
To go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5 (j) to discuss real estate. 7:59 PM  
Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**MOTION:** Whitaker/Brothers  
Have Director contact the seller.  
Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:20 PM

**MOTION:** Mullan/Whitaker  
To adjourn  
Aye: Mullan, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder, Pulis, Brothers

  
Sandra Fullhart-Snyder  
LCCB President

  
Kevin Brothers  
LCCB Secretary