

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting February 9, 2016

2:00 pm for regular meeting

Heron Bend, 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order @ 2:00 pm by Sylvester

Roll Call: Whitaker Holland Fullhart-Snyder Sylvester Mullan

Staff Present: Buckley, Johnson, Steele, Oldfield, Clark-Hudson, Pawling

Special Guests: George Morgan, Don Hunold

2. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Fullhart-Snyder, Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

3. Guests or Special Interests groups

George Morgan of Quail Forever attended to ask for our annual donation of \$250. Quail has helped with many programs at the county level.

MOTION to award Quail Forever with \$250 donation

Whitaker/Mullan

Ayes: Fullhart-Snyder, Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

4. Approval of Bills

MOTION to approve bills

Holland/Mullan

Ayes: Fullhart-Snyder, Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

5. Approval of Financials/Revenues

MOTION: To approve financials and revenues

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Holland

6. Foundation Report : \$4500 in mailing donations

1300+ Dean Johnson Memorial

4500+ John Schuldt Memorial

Bill Mullan will assume the title of president of the Foundation. We will need to secure another secretary for the Foundation.. We are still looking for a couple of new members.

7. Parks Report: 72 Camp nights, 1 cabin rentals, firewood production, taking reservations for summer rentals, Firewood production, Clean/Inspect cabins. Park Patrol, Snow Removal, Pollmiller residence will remain on propane, will work to get it ready to rent. Clint has offered to sell range and fridge to the county for the cabin. The trailer that is on the south side of Wilson Lake we are currently awaiting findings of the survey of the ground.

8. Education Report: In class 58 programs 1144 kids, public programs, Eagle days almost 3000 people. 500 people here for the science fair. Attended Reap congress. Attended ICEC, organizing back room, replacing old or worn out equipment

9. Wildlife Report: Seed bills, Native grass seed order of over \$100,000.00 Another \$200,000.00 to be ordered. Winterfest, Eagle Days, Pesticide training, CCPOA in March, Split and cut firewood, Christmas tree signs down, Maintaining Trumpeter Marsh feeder, Maintaining vehicles, career day at KHS. Brush at river needs burned. Has been too wet lately to get this done.

10. Discussion regarding various use of Conservation Center

Animals in Building: Fullhart-Snyder feels we should work with the public on allowing pets in the Nature Center. Rules should be enforced, but she feels strongly about this topic. Whitaker feels strongly that we should not allow animals in the building at all. Holland suggested we get a legal opinion from the county attorney. Future discussions to be had on these topics.

Political Events NO per county code

11. Review Ag lease contracts There was a clerical error on the ag leases when issued, and we are in discussion with the current tenants to see if they would like to extend for one year.

12. Comments/Committee Reports: The supervisors approved 3 months of salary and benefits for Tom's replacement. This position will be listed regionally. John, Clint, and Dustin have been brought up to meet current state wage standards.

15. Comments/Committee Reports: Snyder is still actively seeking a donation from Iowa Fertilizer Plant

16. Next meeting Tuesday March 8, 2016 at 6 pm at Lee County Conservation Center

17. Adjourn Meeting

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 3:00 pm

Holland/Mullan

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Holland

Harry Sylvester

LCCB President

William Mullan

LCCB Secretary