

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting January 9, 2018 at 2 PM

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

1. Called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Sylvester

Roll Call: Whitaker X Alton X Fullhart-Snyder X Sylvester X Mullan X

Staff Present: Unsworth, Clark Hudson, Tebbs, Johnson, Pawling, Oldfield, Paeg, Steele

Supervisor Liaison Don Hunold

2. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2018

Motioned by Mullan to approve minutes as written

2nd: Whitaker

Ayes: Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Alton, Fullhart Snyder

3. Election of officers

Motioned by Sylvester to appoint Rodger Whitaker as president

2nd: Mullan

Ayes: Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Alton, Fullhart Snyder

Motioned by Whitaker to appoint Harry Sylvester to Vice President

2nd: Mullan

Ayes: Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Alton, Fullhart Snyder

Office manager serves as secretary for the board.

4. Public Input

Bernie McCauley was present. He suggested that the Conservation Board adopt the same format of the Board of Supervisors meetings, which allows for input from the public during discussion items. He asked about Deer Drives and if the board would be changing their policy on them. President Whitaker stated the policy will remain in place unless a board members asks to revisit the policy at a future meeting. Mr. McCauley asked for a copy of the bylaws. The Board explained that the bylaws given to the Board at previous meeting are being reviewed and any changes will be made public at a future meeting. They also explained that not all aspects of the bylaws are current as other decisions made over time would have potentially nullified certain portions of the bylaws. He also asked about the progress of the duck blind committee. Unsworth stated that things are going well and the committee will present the board with their recommendation with a proposal at a future meeting.

5. Approval of bills

Motioned by Sylvester to approve bills

2nd: Alton

Ayes: Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Alton, Fullhart Snyder

6. Approval of financial statements

Motioned by Sylvester to approve financials as written

2nd: Alton

Ayes: Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Alton, Fullhart Snyder

7. LCCB Bylaws discussion

The board discussed the changes suggested by the committee looking at the bylaws. Unsworth will have the County Attorney review the bylaws before bringing the bylaws back for approval.

8. Lee County Pheasants Forever Sponsorship.

Motioned by Sylvester to approve sponsorship of Lee County Pheasants Forever in the amount of \$250.00

2nd: Fullhart Snyder

Ayes: Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Alton, Fullhart Snyder

9. Staff Reports

EE department reported

- 39 School programs with 688 kids reached
- 4 public programs with 59 people reached

Wildlife Reported

- 200-300 acres to burn in the spring
- Writing of burn plans
- Seed orders
- Online training
- Equipment rentals
- Land owner meetings
- Resubmitted grant information for the Turkey Run Pond Work

Ranger Reported

- 5 cabin rental
- Production of fire wood
- Patrolling

10. Board Member comments

Mullan asked about assisting at Eagle Days 1-20 through 1-21-18. Unsworth reported that all agencies that generally assist have had to cancel due to funding.

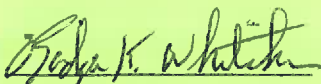
Sylvester brought up the shelter at Chatfield and how the floor of the shelter is in disrepair. Oldfield responded that the shelter repairs would be costly. Unsworth stated that staff is currently in the process of setting goals and identifying needs. This idea will be added to the list.

11. Adjournment

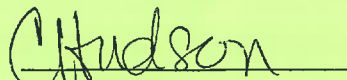
Motioned by Sylvester to adjourn at 2:40 pm

2nd: Mullan

Ayes: Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Alton, Fullhart Snyder



Rodger Whitaker
LCCB President



Connie Clark Hudson
LCCB Secretary

