

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting November 14, 2017

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

1. Called to order at 6:00 pm by Sylvester

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

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

Supervisor Liaison absent

2. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2017

Motioned by Mullan to approve minutes as written

2nd: Whitaker

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

3. Eagle Scout Projects

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 43 of Keokuk are working towards becoming an Eagle Scout.

Skylar is making PVC fishing line recycle containers to prevent animals and humans from getting caught in the line.

Blake is making Barn Owl houses for the purpose of bringing the Barn Owls back to Lee County.

4. Public Input

Registered speakers: Ed Kircher, Keokuk, Rusty Robbins, West Point.

Speakers thanked the county for organizing the duck blind committee to discuss this topic further.

Ed Kircher stated that the island area should not be the only focus of the group. He feels all of the county areas on the river should be considered.

Rusty Robbins discussed public access to county conservation records and dress code by staff.

Doug Hopp discussed deer drives being allowed on county property.

5. Approval of Bills

Motioned by Holland to approve Bills

2nd: Fullhart Snyder

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

6. Approval of financials and revenues

Motioned by Holland to approve the financials and revenues

2nd: Whitaker

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

7. 2018 Fees

Staff indicated the changes to the cabin rentals rates make the rates more uniform and will encourage more rentals in the off-season. The free camping on Wednesdays is only proposed at Wilson Lake because Wilson Lake has full-hookups. This may be expanded to other parks when further updates are made. Due to the increase in records request, staff wanted to set an official fee for such requests. The proposed rate is the same as the Auditor's Office.

Staff presented the following fee changes for 2018:

Proposed Fee Changes for 2018			
All other fees will remain the same			
	Old Fee	New Fee	
Disking (2-3 passes)	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	per acre
Rototilling (2-3 passes)	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	per acre
Cultipacking	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	per acre
Mowing	\$ 15.00 -30.00	\$ 35.00	per acre
Plowing	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	per acre
Planting	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	per acre
Broadcasting	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	per acre + fertilizer
Spraying	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	per acre + chemical
Chainsaw Work	\$ 20.00	\$ 75.00	per hour
Native Grass Planting	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	per acre
Native Grass/Grain Drill Rental	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.00	per acre
Cultipacker Rental	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	per day
Wheel Disk Rental	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	per day
Tree Planter Rental	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	per day
Straw Tailgate Mulcher Rental	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	per day
Rototiller 5' Rental	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	per day
Wilson Lake Cabin Daily Rentals (April -October)	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	(3 day minimum on holidays and 2 day minimum on weekends)
Pollmiller Cabin Daily Rental (April- October)	\$ 100.00	\$ 85.00	
Wilson Lake Cabin Daily Rentals (November-March)	\$ 75.00	\$ 65.00	
Pollmiller Cabin Daily Rental (November-March)	\$ 100.00	\$ 65.00	
Camping free at Wilson Lake on Wednesday with a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday reservation			
Records Requests		\$0.50	per page

Motioned by Whitaker to accept new fee scale for all services

2nd: Holland

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

8. Staff Reports

- Education report 3 public programs with 237 in attendance 85 School Programs with 832 in attendance
- Parks Report: 179 camping nights, 22 cabin rentals, and 5 shelter reservations.
- Wildlife Report: meetings, equipment repairs, and patrolling

9. Board Comments

10. Request for closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment hiring performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Pursuant to the provisions of section 21.5 (1)(i) code of Iowa 2017

Motioned by Holland to go into closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment hiring performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that

individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Pursuant to the provisions of section 21.5 (1)(i) code of Iowa 2017 at 6:49 p.m.

2nd: Whitaker

Roll Call: Mullan-aye, Holland-aye, Whitaker-aye, Sylvester-aye, Fullhart-Snyder-aye

Motioned by Whitaker to return to open session at 7:16 p.m.

2nd: Mullan

Roll Call: Mullan-aye, Whitaker-aye, Holland-aye, Sylvester-aye, Fullhart-Snyder-aye

11. Possible action on matters discussed in closed session

Motioned by Whitaker to present the director with evaluation

2nd: Holland

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

12. Adjournment

Motioned by Whitaker to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

2nd: Fullhart Snyder

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



Harry Sylvester
LCCB President



William Mullan
LCCB Secretary

