

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting September 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Supervisor Liaison Present: Don Hunold

2. Approval of Minutes from August 14, 2017

Motioned by Holland to approve minutes

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Mullan, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

3. Public Input

Registered Speakers: Rusty Robbins, West Point IA; Fred Hoenig, Fort Madison IA; Pat Armstrong, Fort Madison IA; JR Gerdes, Fort Madison IA; Brad & Dawn Wilson, Fort Madison IA; Ed Kircher, Keokuk IA; Frenchy, Fort Madison IA; Tom Pollpeter, Donnellson IA; Steve Finney, Donnellson IA; Devin Mott, Fort Madison IA; Kurt Ross, Wever IA; Dean Kemp, Burlington IA; Clinton Boddicker, Keokuk IA

Speakers took turns voicing their concerns about a multitude of issues including staff dress code, wildlife food plots, camping revenue, and the boys and girls summer camp. Guests shared concerns about the safety of duck hunters in a boat blind only situation. They felt we had been misled in the past and urged more consideration on the situation of permanent blinds on the river properties.

Mr. Robbins made a formal request for camping at Indian Path, fishing restrictions at Heron Bend, and deer hunting rules to be included on next month's agenda.

4. Approval of bills

Motioned by Holland to approve bills.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Mullan, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

5. Approval of financial report

Motioned by Holland to approve the financial report

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Mullan, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

6. Review/Approve step increase from Class V step 1 \$17.57 to Class V step 2 \$18.08 for Assistant Naturalist

Motioned by Holland to approve the step increase from Class V step 1 \$17.57 to Class V step 2 \$18.08 for Assistant Naturalist

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Mullan, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder



7. Accept donation of used 1988 John Deere 7200 planter from Lee County Pheasants Forever Chapter ( Valued \$5500)

Motioned by Holland to accept donation of a used 1988 John Deere 7200 planter from Lee County Pheasants Forever Chapter

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Mullan, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder

8. Discussion on Indian Path Boat Ramp

Unsworth reported that people have approached the Supervisors about the condition of the boat ramp at Indian Path. The DNR has looked at the ramp and has indicated that the sedimentation problem will continue due to the flow of the river at the location. The cost to remove the sediment from the ramp this spring was \$800. Unsworth indicated that local leaders would be participating in a study that would look at bike connectivity as well as potential water trails. Board members made no comments on the ramp. Unsworth encouraged them to think more about this area and plan to revisit the topic at a later time.

9. Alliant Energy Work at Red Wing Access

Andy Robbins, Iowa DNR Wildlife Biologist, notified Unsworth about a trenching project that would take place near Red Wing Access. Robbins indicated that he did not see any problem with the work. He just asked that LCCB look over the information and let him know if there were any concerns from staff or Board. Unsworth presented the information to the Board and no concerns were raised.

10. Staff Reports

- Education report 8 public programs with 184 in attendance
- Parks Report 414 camping nights, 599 beach admissions, 15 cabin rentals, and 6 shelter reservations.
- Wildlife Report picked up four row planter, meetings, equipment repairs, and patrolling.

11. Board Comments

12. Closed session for the purpose to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Pursuant to the provisions of section 21.5(i)(c) Code of Iowa 2017

Motioned by Holland to enter into closed session at 7:12 p.m. for the purpose to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Pursuant to the provisions of section 21.5(i)(c) Code of Iowa 2017

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mullan

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mullan, Holland, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder

Present in closed session: Mullan; Holland; Sylvester; Fullhart-Snyder; Clinton Boddicker, County Attorney; Don Hunold, County Supervisor, Nathan Unsworth, Conservation Director.

Motioned by Holland at 7:42 p.m. to return to open session

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mullan

Ayes: Mullan, Holland, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder

13. Possible action on matters discussed in closed session

No action was taken




14. Adjournment


Motioned by Holland to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Snyder

Ayes: Sylvester, Mullan, Holland, Fullhart-Snyder



Harry Sylvester  
LCCB President



William Mullan  
LCCB Secretary

