

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting January 12, 2016

2:00 pm for regular meeting

Heron Bend, 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order @ 2:00 pm by Fullhart-Snyder

Roll Call: Whitaker Holland Fullhart-Snyder Sylvester Mullan

Staff Present: Buckley, Tebbs, Bulger, Oldfield, Clark-Hudson

Special Guests: Denise Fraise, Mike Kline, Bill Smith

2. Oath Of Office administered by Denise Fraise at 2:05 pm Five out of Five board members were sworn in at this time.

3. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Sylvester/Holland

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

4. Guests or Special Interests groups

Mike Kline would like to be able to bring his pet dogs into the building. He feels much more secure with his dogs with him. Unfortunately they are not licensed service dogs, so he is unable to bring them into the building. He thanked the Board for their consideration. Bill Smith is partnering with the YMCA and the Veterans Admin. to get Vets more active in their communities. Would like the opportunity to utilize our building at some point in the future for meetings, activities, and other things. He would also like the Board to consider a reduced cost for the cabins for Vets. Smith is involved in Fishing for Freedom, and would like to see hunts set up for vets. When the open house for veterans project is held, Smith would like for us to have a table at this event. Smith would also like us to consider putting a rock jetty at the Heron Bend Fishing Area.

5. Approval of Bills

MOTION to approve bills

Whitaker/Holland

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

6. Approval of Financials/Revenues

MOTION: To approve financials and revenues

Holland/Sylvester

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

7. Foundation Report : 4000-6000 in mailing donations

1300+ Dean Johnson Memorial

1000+ John Schuldt Memorial

8. Parks Report: 30 Camp nights, 6 cabin rentals, firewood production, Water leak at Wilson Lake, water has been shut off until the leak can be repaired. Have option to take Pollmiller to rural or city water. Rural is closer, we would have a lot of work to be done if we went with that. Clint will check into each option for cost comparison. Halls cleaning trees at the river front at Heron Bend to improve the view from the new Nature Center. Realtor Fraise is having the Armstrong property surveyed. Buckley will follow up on the survey.

9. Education Report: In class 30 programs 589 kids, public programs, 20 attended. Sunnybrook toured the facility. Holy Trinity winter break program. Will attend Project AWARE meeting. Animal Care, Prep for programs, Eagle Days is coming up, basket program, Owl Prowl, February we are considering test hours on Saturdays. Brandenburg from the Chamber in Keokuk would like to plan tours of the Center, and do something similar for Geode Tours.

10. Wildlife Report: Equipment maintenance, Christmas Tree signs up at parks, Seed orders, Proscribed burn plans, Swan Food, and aerator at barrow.

11. Request for sponsorship from Lee County Pheasants Forever

In the past we have always sponsored them in the amount of \$250. With this request we will get a print, 1/2 page ad, and 2 banquet tickets and contained support for a number of activities and programs we do.

MOTION to sponsor Lee County Pheasants Forever

Sylvester/Holland

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

12. Enter Agreement with the DNR for Wilson Lake Boat Ramp

Grant for boat ramp was awarded to us it is a 75/25 match grant.

MOTION: to enter into agreement with DNR for Wilson Lake Boat Ramp

Sylvester/Holland

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

13. Review Approve the FY 2017 Budget: Expenses include wages increase of 2.95%. There will be 27 pay periods this year, so that will affect the benefits portion of the budget as well. Salaries for maintenance operations needs to be brought half way up this year to where similar positions are for like positions across the state. \$35,000 to be spent at the Pollmiller Park area to put a new shelter house there. The work at the river at Heron Bend is costing about \$15,000. It was recommended that 6 months' salary for transition at the director's position be included. Invest about \$6500 in the Pollmiller cabin so we can get it rentable to the public.

MOTION to approve with suggested changes

Whitaker/Holland

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

14. Election of officers: President nominee Harry Sylvester

MOTION to approve Sylvester as president

Holland/Whitaker

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

Vice President nominee Mark Holland

MOTION to approve Holland as Vice President

Sylvester/Whitaker

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

Secretary nominee William Mullan

MOTION to approve Mullan as secretary

Sylvester/Whitaker

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

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

16. Next meeting Tuesday February 9, 2016 at 2 pm at Lee County Conservation Center

17. Adjourn Meeting

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 3:15 pm

Sylvester/Whitaker

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

Harry Sylvester

LCCB President

William Mullan

LCCB Secretary