

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting January 13, 2015

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, Pawling, Tebbs, Bulger, Oldfield, Clark-Hudson

Special Guests: Denise Fraise, John Hansen, Mike Thimmesch, Tom Hoffman, Jeff Hunt, George Morgan

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

3. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes: Fullhart-Snyder, Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester

4. Guests or Special Interests groups

George Morgan of Quail Forever was present to ask for our support in their banquet with a monetary donation of \$250.00 as we have done in years past. This was well received by the board and will be on next month's agenda for approval.

5. Joint discussion on building progress with the Foundation Members

Discussion was had about the changes to be made to the plans to stay under budget. Lots of suggestions were made by John Hansen and staff and board.

After a lengthy discussion some conclusions were arrived upon.

MOTION: To approve changes made to plans, to present it to the Supervisors on January 27th, and to award the bid after that report

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester

6. Approval of Bills

MOTION: To approve bills as presented

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester

7. Approval of Financials and Revenues

MOTION: To approve financials and revenues as written

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Sylvester, Whitaker

8. Foundation Update

We received \$1,500 from Judge Kamp's memorial. This was put in the building fund. There is the potential for a fundraising/memorial trap shoot in the future.

9. Parks Report

Buckley met with Connie Tisor with JD Solar to discuss possibility of using Solar Energy at the new building. Clint reported Cabin rentals over Christmas break. Ice fishing has begun; trees have been placed on the lake for habitat in the future. John has been working on this, and snow removal along with his daily duties.

10. Education

In the two weeks that school was in session in December the Education department reached 721 kids. This was 39 programs in December. Met with Kinsley Inn about a bird watching weekend that would be co sponsored by us. We have been given permission to use the facility at the Kinsley until we get our office space built. We will be having an Owl Prowl on Jan 31 at Wilson Lake. Eagle Days are the 16th thru the 18th of January. Could always use volunteers at Eagle Days.

11. Wildlife

Cleaning up of Amborn-Pagin and also Turkey Run

Equipment maintenance

Dealing with Land Owners

Swan Feedings

Preparing for Winterfest

Start ordering Seed and Fertilizer for spring plantings

12. Election of Officials

MOTION: To reappoint Fullhart-Snyder as president

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Sylvester, Whitaker

MOTION: To reappoint Sylvester and Mullan to their respective positions

Whitaker/Mullan

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester

13. Consider/approve Pheasants Forever request for \$250 donation to banquet

MOTION to approve donation to Pheasants Forever

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester

14. Budget review/approval

There will be a 3% salary increase this summer for employees.

Monies from the Trust Fund will be applied aside to do repairs to Galland School

Monies usually set aside for new vehicles have been allocated for a dump trailer and an new grading blade for the tractor this year.

As of 1/1/15 all revenue will go into the Trust Fund

Buckley needs to adjust revenue to reflect the changes in rates for camping and the cabins

MOTION: To approve budget and present to Supervisors

Sylvester/Mullan

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Sylvester, Whitaker

15. Review Iowa Code 21.5

Buckley read the statutes related to open meetings and public records

16. Comments from the board

Buckley and Fullhart-Snyder and Schiller had a meeting with the Fertilizer Plant in Wever. They felt this meeting went very well and they feel we will see some sort of donation from them. This could include volunteer help with painting the new building etc as well as monetary.

Fullhart-Snyder is currently working on CAT grant as well as rebates from Alliant Energy.

January 29th at 3:00 pm is the next Fundraising Committee meeting.

17. Adjourn Meeting

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 3:50 pm

Sylvester/Whitaker

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Sylvester, Whitaker

18. Next Meeting is set for February 10th at 2:00 pm

Sandra Fullhart-Snyder

LCCB President

William Mullan

LCCB Secretary