

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting September 8, 2015

6:00 pm for regular meeting

Heron Bend, 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order @ 6:00 pm by Fullhart-Snyder

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

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

Supervisor Present: Don Hunold

2. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes: Whitaker, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Holland

3. Guests or Special Interests groups –Zach James from SEIRPC, Ed Kircher Three Rivers Conservation Foundation

Buckley suggests that we move to #13 on the agenda

13. Update on Site Development: The final draft of the Heron Bend Site Plan will be digital sent to Buckley. SEIRPC will provide packets for the public at the Center Open House. James will do a print out of some of the maps onto poster board for the open house. Some modifications have been suggested to the final draft and James will make these changes.

MOTION to approve Heron Bend Site Development Plan

Sylvester/Holland

Ayes: Whitaker, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Holland

Buckley compared several rental agreements that other counties have for their Nature Centers. A draft of the agreement was presented to the Board after review by Lee County Attorney Mike short. The board reviewed the proposal and suggested some minor changes

MOTION to approve policy with updated changes

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes: Whitaker, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Holland

5. Update on building progress: Buckley updated the board on the building progress including meetings about water and the final punch list on September 29. A washer/dryer combo has been donated.

6. Approval of Bills

MOTION to approve bills as written

Sylvester/Whitaker

Ayes: Whitaker, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Holland

7. Approval of Financials and Revenues

MOTION to approve financials and revenues

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Whitaker, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Holland

8. Foundation Report: The Foundation contribution of \$100,000.00 was process on August 31

9. Parks Report: Oldfield reported on park use: there have been 518 Camping nights, 21 cabin nights, 5 shelter rental, 1200 People on the beach. All Wilson Lake campsites are at 50 amp service. The sediment pond improvements are also completed. The project was funded with a fish habitat grant Oldfield wrote last year.

10. Education Report: Bulger reported on education programs: There have been 258 people served, 22 different programs, Bulger and Steele worked on Outdoor adventure camp, a program at the Old Fort, the Fishing tourney finals, a Campground Monarch program, Horseback riding, toured nature centers for display ideas, animal care, and the Dutch oven program which was well received.

11. Wildlife Report: Johnson reported on wildlife projects: Assisted with OAC, food plot and landowner planting, law enforcement duties and patrolling, sunflowers mowed, still handing out seed to landowners, fielded calls from Land owners, Food Plots, issue several citations at Indian path Park at Indian Path. Youth Dove/Mentor hunt was a success. Assisted Operation Supervisor in shop, seed pickup, repaired the batwing mower.

12. Review/Consider approval of septic bid

The Board received 2 bids: Hall Excavating and septic bid \$7,686.68 and Cullen bid \$6,650.00 Buckley suggests we go with the lower bid from Cullen

MOTION to accept the bid Cullen Construction & Excavating

Whitaker/Sylvester

Ayes: Whitaker, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Holland

14. Discussion consider review recommendations for conservation grid changes

Buckley will pursue this through the budgeting process; should be a graduated process for the Operation Supervisor, Wildlife/Park Ranger, and Park Ranger with follow ups on the remaining positions in the new future as well.

MOTION for Buckley to move forward with this process

Sylvester/Fullhart-Snyder

Ayes: Whitaker, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Holland

15. Comments/Committee reports

Buckley attended the community forums that were held in Fort Madison and Keokuk

16. Next meeting is October 13, 2015 @ 6 pm

18. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 7:30 pm

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Whitaker, Sylvester, Fullhart-Snyder, Holland

Sandra Fullhart-Snyder
LCCB President

William Mullan
LCCB Secretary