LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

P.O. Box 218, 2652 Highway 61 Montrose, Iowa 52639
Phone: 319-463-7673 Fax: 319-463-5013

email: conservation@leecounty.org. web site: leecounty.org / mycountyparks.com

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2012 MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Johnson, Roger Whitaker, Sandra Fullhart-Snyder

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: William Mullan

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Tom Buckley, Diana Ver Dught, Clint Oldfield, John Pawling, Rick Tebbs.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Roger Whitaker at 2:00 pm at the Heron Bend Conservation Area, 2652 Highway 61, Montrose, Iowa 52639.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Johnson/ Sandra Fullhart-Snyder
Approve November minutes as presented

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

GUESTS OR INTEREST GROUPS: Ernie Schiller, Lee County Board of Supervisor

APPROVAL OF BILLS: bills were high due to equipment repair of rebuilding the transmission on the Case tractor.

MOTION: Johnson/ Sandra Fullhart-Snyder
Approve bills as presented

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL/REVENUE:

MOTION: Johnson/ Sandra Fullhart-Snyder
Approve financial & revenue reports as presented

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

PARK REPORTS: Buckley informed the Board that the parks are closed except Wilson Lake Park. The dock has been removed from Green Bay Access.

Buckley added that Oldfield has submitted a grant to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for fish habitat at Wilson Lake. Buckley told the Board that it would work similar to the grant which LCCB did at Pollmiller Park.

FOUNDATION UPDATE: Buckley informed the Board that Three Rivers Conservation Foundation Board mailed out the bi-annual donation request and asked for donations for projects, programs or joint venture building/nature center. Buckley added that the North Lee County Community Foundation has agreed to match any donation which passes through their NLCCF.

Buckley informed the Board that TRCF and Friend's of LCHD are in the process of coming to an agreement of sharing expenses and revenue equally unless otherwise stated from the donor.

Buckley informed the Board that he is continuing to request funding and following up on businesses in Lee County.

REVIEW/AWARD BID FOR TURKEY RUN WILDLIFE AREA AGRICULTRAL GROUND: Buckley told the Board that this is normally on December's agenda but has been moved to January due to the time frame of sending out the ad, receiving the proof as well as giving interested parties time to submit a bid.

MOTION: Johnson/ Sandra Fullhart-Snyder
Table until January's meeting

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

REVIEW/AWARD BID FOR REDWING ACCESS AGRICULTRAL GROUND:

MOTION: Johnson/ Sandra Fullhart-Snyder
Table until January's meeting

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

CONSIDER EXTENDING NORTH HERON BEND AGRICULTURAL LEASE FOR ONE YEAR: Buckley informed the Board that if we extend the agreement for an additional year all agricultural land agreements will be due at the same time making it easier to tract as well as reduce advertisement costs.

MOTION: Johnson/ Sandra Fullhart-Snyder
Extend for additional year.

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

DISCUSS/APPROVE PLACING 50% OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND CRP PLANTING REVENUES IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST FUND: Buckley reminded the Board that this was discussed at the November Board meeting concerning funds of working with private land owners.
Buckley informed the Board that both Truax drills were donated to LCCB and LCCB is obligated to maintain them and keep them in good working order for these land owners to rent or for LCCB to assist them in their goal to provide much needed habitat for wildlife.

A lengthy discussion took place; both Buckley and Whitaker were requested by Schiller to attend a B.O.S. meeting to make request and presentation to assist/educate them prior to the B.O.S. decision.

MOTION: Johnson/ Sandra Fullhart-Snyder
We approve placing 50% of machinery, equipment and CRP planting revenue in the capital improvements trust fund.

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

REVIEW PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Buckley informed the Board of alterations he has made to the budget and why they have been adjusted.

Buckley continued with explaining the "Request for Considerations" which he would also like to present to the Board of Supervisors.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Buckley updated the Board on its final fund raising events and additional buildings that they had been requested to check into.

Buckley informed the Board of projects completed in November and upcoming events for December.

COMMENTS/COMMITTE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD: Johnson commented on the closed tapes that are in his possession.

Buckley informed the Board that he would like a motion for the COL Raise for LCCB employees.

MOTION: Johnson/ Fullhart-Snyder
We approve the Supervisors approved increase for all LCCB employees

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

CLOSED SESSION ACCORDING TO IOWA CODE 21.5(c) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS:

MOTION: Johnson/ Fullhart-Snyder
I move we go into closed session 3:30 pm.

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

MOTION: Johnson/ Fullhart-Snyder
I move we go into open session 3:37 pm.

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

MOTION: Johnson/ Fullhart-Snyder
To accept the Directors response.

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2013 at 2:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Johnson/ Fullhart-Snyder
I move we adjourn 3:45 p.m.

Aye: Johnson, Whitaker, Fullhart-Snyder

Rodger Whitaker
LCCB President

LCCB Secretary