



LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2010 MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William Mullan, Larry Dusanek, Chris Lindner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Johnson, Rodger Whitaker

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Tom Buckley, Diana VerDught, Clint Oldfield, John Pawling,

GUESTS OR INTEREST GROUPS: Harry Sylvester

The meeting was called to order by President, Chris Lindner at 7:03 pm in the Board's Office at Heron Bend, 2652 Highway 61, Montrose, Iowa 52639

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
To approve as presented

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Buckley informed the Board that the bills for the Cabins will be covered by the Board of Supervisors.

Buckley told the Board that there has been an overcharge by Meyers Driveway and Septic in the amount of 250.00 for pumping Chatfield and Kubota Credit Corporation was paid for 12 months for the newly purchased tractor. Administrative will be contacting Meyers for reimbursement.

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
To approve as presented

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL/REVENUE REPORTS FOR MAY AND JUNE: Buckley explained financial & revenue reports for May and June and informed the Board of the remaining amount left in the budget.

Dusanek asked Buckley if this money could be carried over. Buckley told the Board that he could make a request for the money to be transferred into LCCB's trust fund.

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
To approve as presented

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner

PARKS REPORT: Buckley told the Board that you can see by the pictures where we are on the Cabins, we are pursuing heating and cooling costs, costs for the front decks, materials such as siding, sheeting, 2x4's.

Maintenance is working on the bridge at Pollmiller Parks bike trail.

Buckley informed the Board that LCCB had a good turn out over the July 4th weekend.

Buckley went on to say that the fish kill at the Trumpeter Marsh took a good week of everyone's time however; there are still some small 3" bass and blue gills in the lake.

Buckley informed the Board that FEMA has declared Lee County as a disaster, the Skunk Access, Indian Path and Gray's Landing are all under water, the water did not get high enough to come into the cabin at Gray's the Skunk Access and Indian Path are the worst, but the newly replaced Boat Ramp is holding up very well

Dusanek asked Buckley & Oldfield if there is a plan to re-bid the jetty project at Pollmiller this fall. Oldfield informed the Board that he would be sending out bid packages in August for contractors to submit bids in September.

Mullan asked Buckley why the pit toilet at Indian Path was closed. Buckley informed the Board that the toilet was closed due to the type of activities going on there; Buckley told the Board that the portable toilet was moved above flood stage and would remain there until we know the river will go down and stay down.

FOUNDATION UPDATE: Buckley informed the Board of donations, money received from programs and the fishing tournaments.

SET WEEKLY FEES FOR CABINS: Buckley told the Board that he neglected to set a weekly fee for the cabins and suggested LCCB knock off \$5.00 per night, setting the fee to 420.00 per week.

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
Set weekly fee to 420.00 per week

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner

APPROVAL OF COMMITMENT OF MATCH FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT:

Buckley told the Board that the Health Department has asked us to match and commit to 145 hours / \$2900.00 for the Outdoor Activity and Healthy Living Grant, Buckley reads letter to the Board and reminds them of the \$10,000.00 LCCB will be receiving to build trails at Heron Bend and to update the trails brochures.

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
We approve the match with the Health Department for the Outdoor Activity and Healthy Living Grant according to the letter Mr. Buckley has written.

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner

REVIEW BID FOR TURKEY RUN ACCESS AND TRUKEY RUN WILDLIFE AREA HAY GROUND: Buckley told the Board that generally we only have one person who bids on the 32 acres and explained the bids to the Board.

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
To accept Gerhard Lubbers bid for 32 acres of hay ground

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner

AMENDMENT TO ACCEPTIONS TO COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY: Buckley told the Board that we did not spell out carrying over accumulated vacation time, presently on the books through the calendar year or until December 31, 2010.

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
We allow LCCB employees to carry over their accumulated vacation time presently on the books until December 31, 2010 and this motion is to be retroactive to June 1, 2010.

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner

CONSIDER/APPROVE PAY INCREASE FOR BOARD EMPLOYEES: Buckley explained to the Board that Administrative unit received a pay increase July 1, 2010 of .10/hour and on January 2011 of .15/hour, Buckley explained to the Board the increase is to help offset the cost of the increase in Insurance which went from 50.00 to 55.00 July 1, 2010 and will go from 55.00 to 85.00 starting January 1, 2011. Buckley told the Board that he wanted to stress to them that LCCB has always followed what the unions have done in the past.

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
We accept the Administrative Union Contract for LCCB's employees for the coming year

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek
Nye: Lindner

PROJECT / REPORTS UPDATE: Buckley told the Board that staff has been doing a lot of work on the cabins.

Buckley went on to inform the Board that the office has received a lot of positive comments about the Hosts at Chatfield, and that even the Wilson Lake regulars have been spending more time camping at Chatfield.

Buckley informed the Board that the Pollmiller Family had a reunion at Pollmiller Park over the weekend of June 18th which monopolized the entire campground, but the Pollmiller Park regulars went to Wilson Lake and where excited because they were not aware of any actual Pollmiller families. The Pollmiller's which attended had a lot of positive comments about the Park, its condition, its services, the Park Ranger and their accommodations.

Buckley informed the Board that Whitaker, Schiller and himself all met at the Heron Bend Conservation Area for a meeting to gain funds for Three Rivers Conservation Foundation and would be knocking on doors of big businesses for donations.

Buckley told the Board that staff would continue working on the Cabin projects, Adventure Camp, Day Camps and that LCCB would be hosting the annual Reap Committee meeting, July 29. Buckley informed the Board that the weather has cause problems getting in food plots for land owners, but staff was continuing to work when able.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD: Mullan asked about enrollment for Adventure Camp. Buckley told the Board that Boys camp was full, and there are some girls who had previously attended camp and would like to return, LCCB's reply was if they could bring a friend which has never been to the camp before, we would welcome both of them.

Lindner asked about the survey for the Mississippi River. Buckley told the Board that they had just gotten back from vacation.

Dusanek told the Board that fishing at Wilson Lake is just not like it use to be 15-20 years ago and asked Buckley and Oldfield if there has been any fish counts lately. Oldfield told the Board that last year and the year before there where visuals done, and informed the Board of the findings, stating that Wilson Lake is struggling but Pawling and Oldfield have been working on improving habitat structure with roadway culverts and are being assisted by the state, it is believed that Wilson Lake should turn around in 3 to 4 years.

NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
Go into closed session

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner

MOTION: Mullan/Lindner
Thank the parties profusely for consideration but LCCB can not pursue the option at this time.
Aye: William Mullan, Larry Dusanek, Chris Lindner

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Dusanek/Lindner
To adjourn @8:14 PM

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Lindner



Chris Lindner
LCCB President



Gary Johnson
LCCB Secretary