



LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2011 MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William Mullan, Gary Johnson, Alexandra Helmick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodger Whitaker, Kevin Taylor

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Tom Buckley, Diana Ver Dught

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, William Mullan at 2:50 pm in the Board's Office at Heron Bend Conservation Area, 2652 Highway 61, Montrose, Iowa 52639

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Johnson/Helmick
Approve November minutes as presented, both open and closed sessions

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

GUESTS OR INTEREST GROUPS: Ernest Schiller, Lee County Board of Supervisors

UPDATE ON CROTON PARK AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Buckley told the Board that Pawling had purchased all the materials for the roof of the shelter house and proceeded to tell the Board that he did draft a contract between Croton Community Club and Lee County Conservation Board for the period of January 2012 to December 2012.

Buckley told the Board that he has not heard anything from them as of yet.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Buckley stated that the 2 highest bills are for the water control structure at North Heron Bend and the roof of the shelter at Croton Community Club.

MOTION: Johnson/Helmick
Approve bills as presented

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL & REVENUE: Johnson asked Buckley if the budget will have to be amended due to the cost of the water control structure, Buckley told the Board yes.

MOTION: Johnson/ Helmick
Approve financial and revenue reports as presented

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

Buckley concluded by informing the Board that they would be reviewing the budget next month.

PARK REPORTS: Buckley informed the Board that the water control structure at North Heron Bend has been completed and that he has received calls from adjoining neighbors and contractors who use the roadway with their concerns of how this will affect their property and flooding of the road, Buckley told the Board that he has a meeting scheduled with these landowners and contractors on Wednesday.

Buckley told the Board that staff had signed the area as they usually do upon receiving an area and we immediately started receiving calls.

Buckley informed the Board that the public have used this area while hunting for years but we need to try to keep the public from going on to private property.

Johnson told Buckley that the neighbors may have fewer problems with trespassers if the neighbor can see the parking lot from their house.

Buckley told the Board members that the main gates of the 3 major parks are closed for the winter.

FOUNDATION UPDATE: Buckley informed the Board of donations received to date from the last mailing.

Buckley informed the Board that Three Rivers Conservation Foundation Board met last Thursday, December 8, 2011 and the Board has committed to donate \$50,000.00 toward the new joint building if it is approved.

UPDATE ON GALLAND SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH DNR: Buckley told the Board that he has talked to the Historic Preservation Office about removing the buildings and putting up interpretive signs.

Buckley went on to say that the Historic Preservation Office were not aware that the building was a second replica and that it was not on the original site and due to that it would not be a problem removing it.

Buckley told the Board that if the Lee County Conservation Board continues to manage this area for the Department of Natural Resources the buildings will be removed and the D.N.R. will put \$3000.00 toward the signs and seed this area back into a prairie.

DISCUSS/APPROVE ARCHETIC DESIGN AND PLAN TO MOVE FORWARD ON JOINT BUILDING FACALITY: Buckley stated that “the Board should approve as a principal and design in principal and go to the Board of Supervisors.”

A lengthy discussion took place with Board member Johnson asking several questions.

Buckley told the Board that this property was purchased with REAP money and is to be used for conservation purposes or if working together with another department and there is an offset for the foot print impact.

Buckley went on to say that the Lee County Conservation Board and the Lee County Health Department have worked together for some time now with a program called “Live Healthy Lee County” stating that the LCHD has already invested \$10,000.00 at the Heron Bend Conservation Area for a walking trail.

MOTION: Mullan/Johnson
Approve in principal and open to suggestions and changes to move forward and anyone’s vote can change.

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

PROJECT REPORTS/UPDATE: Buckley allowed the Board to review the project report and updates.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD: None

REVIEW AWARD BID FOR NORTH HERON BEND AGRACULTURAL GROUND: Buckley told the Board that when we sent out the ad for the paper the regularly scheduled meeting was to be held December 13th the ad stated that sealed bids are due in the office today, December 12 at 4:30.

Buckley asked the Board for permission to accept the bid we have now or to accept the highest

bid.

MOTION: Johnson/ Helmick
Approve bid we have now or any bid that may be higher.

MOTION: Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Helmick
Johnson/ Helmick
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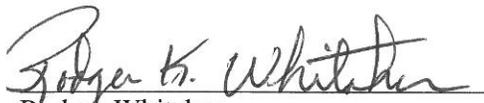
Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2012 at 2:00 PM.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Mullan/Johnson
To adjourn 3:45 pm

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Helmick


Rodger Whitaker
LCCB President


Gary Johnson
LCCB Secretary