



# LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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## MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2011 MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** William Mullan, Gary Johnson, Rodger Whitaker

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Taylor, Alexandria Helmick

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Tom Buckley, John Pawling, Clint Oldfield

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rodger Whitaker at 6:19 pm in the Board's Office at Heron Bend Conservation Area, 2652 Highway 61, Montrose, Iowa 52639

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Johnson/Mullan  
Accept minutes of the June meeting with the correction of changing Gray Johnson to Gary Johnson.

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker

**GUSETS OR INTEREST GROUPS:** Bill and June Batten, Bev Stevens Croton Community Club; Ernie Schiller, Lee County Board of Supervisors

**DISCUSSION OF CROTON PARK MANAGEMENT:** Buckley explained to the Croton Community Club Members that the cost to maintain Croton were considerably more than the income received from the rental of the area. The clubs Members were asked if they had suggestions for reducing costs or increasing income. Bill Batten suggested the Club Members take care of the trash and look at replacing the dusk to dawn light with a light they could place on a switch. Batten also asked what the costs for maintaining Croton were currently. Buckley estimated with mowing, water and electricity alone it was probably about \$700/month perhaps a little higher. Whitaker instructed the Croton Club members to put together a proposal of how they could reduce some of the cost and bring that proposal to the August Board meeting.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Buckley reviewed the bills for the past month.

MOTION: Johnson/ Mullan  
Accept bills as presented

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL/REVENUE:** Buckley went over the Financial and Revenue reports with the Board explaining the year end for the 2011 budget year and the new budget for 2012.

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

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker

**PARK REPORTS:** Buckley informed the Board that Gerhard Lubbers had offer a bid of \$50 to cut hay from Turkey Run Access and \$5 per bale for hay from Turkey Run Wildlife Area.

MOTION: Johnson /Mullan  
Approve the bid for cutting hay at Turkey Run Access and Turkey Ruin Wildlife Area offered by Gerhard Lubbers.

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker

Buckley also updated the Board on the near completion of the FEMA work the new dock at Wilson Lake and the progress with the Swans and the signage for Trumpeter Marsh. Oldfield noted the camping and beach attendance has been at very high levels and that expanded electrical sites at Pollmiller would generate considerable more revenue.

**GALLAND SCHOOL UPDATE:** Whitaker said he at talked to several contractors about the repairs to the chimney at the School house. No one wanted to work on the building that he had spoken with. Whitaker asked Buckley when we needed to inform the DNR about ending or continuing the agreement. Buckley said the agreement is over at the end of December 2011. Buckley suggested that the Montrose Riverfront, INC. might have an interest in taking over the management of Galland if something could be arranged with the DNR. Whitaker instructed Buckley to contact Gary Folluo to see if he was aware of anyone that might be able to do the repairs. Whitaker also instructed Buckley to write a letter to Montrose Riverfront, INC. to see if they would have an interest in taking over Galland School.

**FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Buckley told the Board that Three Rivers Conservation Foundation would be moving their fund raising event to August. Buckley also said the Joint Building Committee would be meeting to discuss plans for forming a fundraising group for the new building at the end of the month.

**DISCUSSION ON EXTENDING THE DRAWING FOR PERMANENT BLINDS:**

Buckley informed the Board that he had had several comments from hunters interested in the permanent blinds that they had not seen the information on the drawing date. Buckley also said that there were only 11 names drawn and if the Board chose to the Board could have another drawing date for 9 more names. Johnson said that if we start changes the guidelines that were worked on, it opens the door to other requests for changes.

MOTION: Johnson/Mullan

To accept the drawing date of June 30, 2011 only for the 2011 waterfowl season.

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker

**DISCUSSION ON RETAINING THE FORD F250 USED FOR WILDLIFE**

**MANAGEMENT:** Buckley informed the Board we will be receiving a used F250 from Secondary Roads and that the current F250 that we use could serve a good purpose as a backup vehicle for other duties. Both Mullan and Johnson agreed that there were more benefits to keeping the vehicle than to selling it and the board instructed Buckley to keep the F250 we currently use.

**UPDATE ON POLLMILLER PROJECT:** Buckley updated the Board on the ongoing situation with the Pollmiller Park jetty and let them know he will continue to keep them informed with the process.

**PROJECT AND PROGRAMS UPDATE:** Buckley reviewed the various activities from June and pointed out upcoming projects. Buckley also asked the Board to consider helping with one of the meals for the Outdoor Adventure Camp the first week of August.

**COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD:** Whitaker suggested that Buckley look into the policy regarding Board Members attendance for meetings. He emphasized we need to have members that are able to attend the meetings to assure a quorum and representation.

NEXT MEETING: August 9, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

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**ADJOURN:**

MOTION: Johnson/Mullan  
To adjourn 7:52 pm

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker

  
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Rodger Whitaker  
LCCB President

  
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Gary Johnson  
LCCB Secretary