



LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Taylor, Alexandra Helmick

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Tom Buckley

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rodger Whitaker at 5:00 pm in the Board's Office at Heron Bend Conservation Area, 2652 Highway 61, Montrose, Iowa 52639

CLOSED SESSION: Buckley requested a closed session at 5:00 pm to discuss Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i)

MOTION: Johnson/ Mullan
To go into closed session at 5:00 pm to discuss Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i)
Aye: Whitaker, Mullan, Johnson

Alexandra Helmick arrived 5:45 pm

MOTION: Johnson/Mullan
To present the evaluation to Director Buckley
Aye: Whitaker, Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Taylor, Alexandra Helmick

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rodger Whitaker at 6:00 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
Approve corrected September minutes open and closed session

Aye: Whitaker, 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 he has the estimates for shingles for the area, and told the Board that it could be kind of sketchy because the two buildings run together.

Johnson asked Buckley if he had received a management strategy from the Croton Community Club.

Buckley showed the Board a proposal submitted by Bob Hodson.

The Board asked Buckley if Batten and Stevens had submitted a proposal.

Schiller asked the Board to extend the offer an additional month and asked the Board if there was anything the Board of Supervisors can or should do. Buckley asked for the Board of Supervisors to stand behind their decision.

Schiller asked if there is a chance that some of the parks will be eliminated.

Whitaker stated that the Board is trying to reduce our costs.

INFORMATION ON TITLE VI AND SAFETY PLANNING – BJ STEVENS: Buckley told the Board that Stevens asked us to table this for now.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

MOTION: Johnson/Mullan
Approve bills as presented

Aye: Whitaker, Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL & REVENUE: Buckley went over the financial and revenue reports, informing the Board that we are running a little high but should come into balance over

the next couple of months.

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

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Taylor, Helmick

PARK REPORTS: Buckley told the Board that we are starting to slow down a little bit.

Buckley told the Board that there is a family from Utah that wants to donate some money for Linger Longer and the family expressed disappointment that Nauvoo have not offered any assistance in maintaining this area.

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

UPDATE ON GALLAND SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH DNR: Buckley told the Board that he has discussed Galland with the DNR several times and informed the Board we have a received a couple of suggestions from them. Buckley told the Board that one offer is to move the school or reconstruct it where it will have some visitors.

REVIEW/CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH IOWA DOT ON WETLAND

MITIGATION AREA: Buckley went over the area and agreement submitted by IDOT and informed the Board that in 1997 LCCB planted 750 trees and did some seeding on this property as part of mitigation.

Johnson asked what use it would have. Buckley told the Board that it would be considered a hunting area with minimum maintenance, stating that the parking lot for North Heron Bend could be used for parking.

Pawling stated that there would have to be a gate placed on the east entrance.

Johnson stated a gate and signage will be our only expense.

MOTION: Johnson/Helmick
Sign agreement for mitigation property

Aye: Whitaker, Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TRAPPING AT HERON BEND

FISHING AREA: Buckley told the Board that Tim LaMatty has applied for a trapping permit

for this area, stating that LaMatty has trapped there in the past and has worked well with LCCB.

MOTION: Mullan/Johnson
Approve special use permit for LaMatty

Aye: Whitaker, Mullan, Johnson, Helmick

UPDATE ON JOINT BUILDING PROCESS: Buckley explained to the Board that he continues to receive calls wanting him to look at existing buildings in Fort Madison, stating that I just can't see any of these buildings serving our purpose. A discussion continued. Buckley informed the Board that the Steering Committee is continuing to make progress and encouraged the Board members to become involved as time allows.

PROJECT REPORTS/UPDATE: Buckley allowed the Board to read over the project report telling the Board we have a lot of things going on.

Johnson asked how the swans are.

Buckley told the Board that we still have 3.

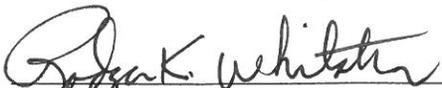
COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD: Johnson told a story of an experience he had at the Annual Conference stating that all of our areas are bordered by private land we need to keep in mind who our neighbors are and how we treat them.

NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Johnson/Helmick
To adjourn 7:10 pm

Aye: Whitaker, Mullan, Johnson, Helmick


Rodger Whitaker
LCCB President


Gary Johnson
LCCB Secretary