



LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William Mullan, Gary Johnson, Kevin Taylor, Alexandria Helmick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodger Whitaker

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, William Mullan at 6:03 pm in the Board's Office at Heron Bend Conservation Area, 2652 Highway 61, Montrose, Iowa 52639

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Johnson/Taylor
Approve August minutes open and closed session with corrections

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Taylor, Helmick

GUESTS OR INTEREST GROUPS: Bill and June Batten, Bev Stevens, Bob Hobson of the Croton Community Club, Ernest Schiller, Lee County Board of Supervisors

Mullan moved to item 8.

CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON CROTON PARK AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT:

Mullan reads the minutes pertaining to Croton from the August Board meeting

Croton Community Club informed the Board that they are working very hard and they will work with LCCB to take over some of the expenses; garbage, mowing and the security lights.

Buckley told the Croton Community Club that if they could increase public usage it could help justify some of the costs and asked the Club to check around and see if they could group an event with other organizations to justify keeping this area.

The Board asked the Club to make a proposal to the Lee County Conservation Board for the October meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Buckley went over the bills with the Board members

MOTION: Johnson/Taylor
Approve bills as presented

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Taylor, Helmick

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL & REVENUE: Buckley went over the financial and revenue reports

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

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Taylor, Helmick

PARK REPORTS: Buckley told the Board that the Beach is closed; the Campground Hosts at Pollmiller and Wilson have left.

FOUNDATION UPDATE: Buckley told the Board that the Foundation had just mailed out its semi-annual fund raiser and is geared to raising money for a new building.

FOLLOW UP ON GALLAND SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH DNR: After last meeting Buckley did contact the DNR about Galland informing them about the condition of the school house, and the age is a contributing factor of the repairs that are needed. Buckley asked them what LCCB would be responsible for and told them that LCCB could not continue to manage this property for them without their financial and physical support.

REVIEW/CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH IOWA DOT ON WETLAND

MITIGATION AREA: Buckley told the Board that this property is north of Devils Creek Area, there are limits of how it can be developed. Buckley stated that LCCB has done most of the work on this area and suggested that the Board sign the agreement.

Johnson told the board that he would like to have the entire Board present to discuss this proposition and asked to continue this discussion next month.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM DUCKS UNLIMITED: Buckley informed the Board that Duck Unlimited have sponsored many events for the Environmental Education Department.

MOTION: Johnson/Taylor
We support ducks unlimited at 250.00.

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Taylor, Helmick

UPDATE ON JOINT BUILDING PROCESS: Buckley and Mullan explained to the Board the events of the last meeting, inviting the Board to come to the next meeting scheduled for September 20th at 6:30 at the Health Department.

PROJECT REPORTS/UPDATE: Buckley allowed the Board to read over the project report.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD: Johnson explained to the new Board members the evaluation process.

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION ACCORDING TO IOWA CODE 21.5(j) TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE:

MOTION: Johnson/Helmick
To go into closed session 8:03 pm

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker, Helmick

MOTION: Johnson/Mullan
Continue conversation about real estate opportunity discussed in closed session.

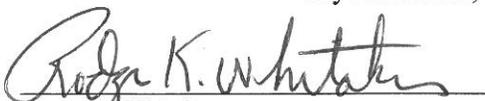
Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker, Helmick

NEXT MEETING: October 11, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Johnson/Helmick
To adjourn 8:13 pm

Aye: Mullan, Johnson, Whitaker


Rodger Whitaker
LCCB President


Gary Johnson
LCCB Secretary