

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting June 14, 2016

6:00 pm for regular meeting

Heron Bend, 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order @ 6:00 pm by Sylvester

Roll Call: Whitaker  Holland  Fullhart-Snyder  Sylvester  Mullan

Staff Present: Buckley, Tebbs, Bulger, Oldfield, Clark-Hudson, Steele

Special Guests: Don Hunold, Karla and Mac Brodersen, Tony Conn

2. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Mullan, Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

3. Guests or Special Interests groups

Tony Conn gave a short presentation of his NOMOS product for insect repellent. He would like to partner with Lee County for the public to get knowledgeable about his product. Karla and Mac Brodersen attended to hear the discussion regarding allowing horses in Chatfield Park. Buckley suggests we move to #10 on the agenda at this time.

Review/Approve proposed rules for allowing horseback riding on trails at Chatfield Park.

A discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of allowing horses in the park. Concern was expressed about trail deterioration during wet conditions. The rules presented are similar to Illinois Park districts. The Board recommended taking all of the proposed rules for review to Mike Short.

MOTION To approve horseback riding rules pending review by Mike Short

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Mullan, Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

4. Approval of bills

MOTION: To approve bills

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Mullan, Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

5. Approval of financials/revenues

MOTION To approve financials/revenues

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Mullan, Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

6. Foundation Report: the next meeting is June 16, 2016. We will be doing a mailing seeking donations from the public. The Chicken Dinner was cancelled due to insufficient numbers required. It was suggested we consider a new date in the fall for this event. Buckley feels we should have the chicken dinner in place of the annual banquet.

7. Parks Report: Oldfield reported on 617Camp nights, 13 cabin rentals, firewood production and, taking reservations for summer rentals. Additionally, firewood production continues, clean/inspect cabins and performed park patrol. Work on Galland School is progressing restoring the chimney and the door. When the work is completed, we will plan a rededication for the school house

8. Education Report: Steele reported on school programs of 800 kids, public programs including Dutch Oven cooking. The NRCS is helping with a few rain gardens here at the center. We will also have pollinator gardens and will be having music at Wilson Lake.

9. Wildlife Report: Tebbs reported equipment repairs, landowner calls organize files, CRP seeding and billing, clean vehicles, One of the tractors is broken down, we are considering leasing with JJ Nichting where they would be responsible for repairs after a minimul deductable.

11. Discuss/approve changes for allowing outside firewood in the parks.

Oldfield suggests we continue with restrictions on outside wood.

12. Approve new wage scale grid for Lee County Conservation Board for the 2016-2017 year

MOTION: To approve new wage scale grid

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Mullan, Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

13. Comments/Questions from the board

14. Next meeting is July 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Lee County Conservation Center.

18. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 7:25 pm

Whitaker/Mullan

Ayes: Mullan, Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker

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Harry Sylvester

LCCB President

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William Mullan

LCCB Secretary