

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting November 7 2016

5:00 pm for closed session

Lee County Conservation Center, 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order @ 5:00 pm by Sylvester

Roll Call: Whitaker _x_ Holland _x_ Fullhart-Snyder _A_ Sylvester _X_ Mullan _X_

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

Special Guests: Don Hunold,

2. Request for closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(j) for personal matter

Buckley requests that the Board go into closed session for purpose of evaluation

MOTION to enter closed session

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Mullan, Whitaker

Those in closed session, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Holland, Buckley, Clark Hudson

MOTION to return to open session at 5:17 PM

Holland/Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Mullan, Whitaker

MOTION to present director with the results of evaluation

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Mullan, Whitaker

3. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Mullan, Whitaker

3. Guests or Special Interests groups

4. Approval of Bills

MOTION to accept bills

Holland/Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker, Mullan

5. Approval of Financials/Revenues

MOTON to accept financials and revenues

Whitaker/Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker, Mullan

6. Foundation Update

Buckley updated the Board on the annual chicken dinner; we netted \$900 from this fundraiser. We have a meeting in December, and will do our annual request for donations.

7. Parks Report

Oldfield reported on 175 camping nights, 23 cabin rentals, 8 shelter rentals. Patrol, deposit revenue, Posting reservation signs, bundling fire wood, Significant water leak at Pollmiller, October 29 Trout Release, CCPOA

Update on Wilson Lake

Buckley informed the Board about his contact with the Armstrong's through their attorney. The Armstrong's have agreed to remove the concrete slabs from the County property before the end of the year. The Armstrong's are requesting an easement to maintain and keep their septic system on County property. Allowing this would still require a exchange of property in keeping with the DNR guidelines. Buckley will keep the board apprised of the events that take place here.

8. Education Report

Steele reported on the recently completed field trip season and additional activities, Most of the field trips were with the Keokuk Schools, Other programs included archery at the fort Madison schools, library programs and Halloween hike. Additional programs included horseback riding and prepping for upcoming programs

9 Wildlife Report

Tebbs updated the Board on CRP questions, maintenance on equipment visiting fields, ordering seed, ccpoa, ordered swan food, pesticide training, tulip prep and planting tour of nature center career day at Keokuk.

10. Consider increase on charge for private land work

Consider changing the rates for private lands work to reflect a \$5 per acre increase on all private land work performed by staff

MOTION to raise rates \$5 per acre on private land work

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker, Mullan

11. Discussion on E commerce and online reservations

Buckley reported on the statewide trend towards online reservations for cabins, shelter rentals, and camping reservations there are 14 counties currently online with reservations with an additional 10 more counties ready to join shortly. It does take at least six months to get up and fully running. Guests will pay a convenience fee or a transaction fee. A lengthy discussion followed as to whether this will be cost effective for us to do and what is the best place to start if we choose to move in that direction.

12. Discussion on permanent blind changes

Half of the blinds were not completed by the date set forth for them. They were contacted, and still did not comply. This has been an ongoing issue since we implemented the drawing for sites. This is to be an action item next month for the board to vote on not allowing perm. blinds only boat blinds

13. Update on Natural resource and outdoor recreation on trust fund.

IWILL 3/8 cent tax is #2 legislative item, everyone needs to talk about this, this is very important to conservation This would provide funds for programs in the parks and water quality and park maintenance .

14. Comments from board

Buckley updated the Board regarding the case with VerDught. The summary decision has been appealed to the State Supreme Court, and a trial date has been set for November 29 if the decision is not overruled.

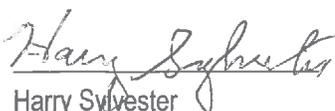
18. Next meeting is December 13, 2016 at 2 pm

19. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 7:15 pm

Holland/Mullan

Ayes: Sylvester, Holland, Whitaker, Mullan



Harry Sylvester
LCCB President



William Mullan
LCCB Secretary