



LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Johnson, Larry Dusanek, William Mullan,

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Lindner, Rodger Whitaker

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Tom Buckley, Diana VerDught, Clint Oldfield, John Pawling

GUESTS OR INTEREST GROUPS: Evelyn Husted

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, William Mullan at 7:00 pm in the Board's Office at Heron Bend Conservation Area, 2652 Highway 61, Montrose, Iowa 52639

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION: Johnson/Dusanek
To approve as amended

Aye: Dusanek, Johnson, Mullan

GUEST OR INTEREST GROUPS: Buckley introduces Evelyn Husted

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Buckley told the Board that the Camp ground host and concessionaire have completed their contracts and this month's bills reflect their last checks. Buckley informed the Board that payment to Hellett Materials is actually rock from Cessford Construction Company, Wristband express was discussed.

MOTION: Johnson/Dusanek
To approve bills as presented

Aye: Dusanek, Johnson, Mullan

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL/REVENUE REPORTS: Buckley explained to the Board that LCCB is running 10 – 12% ahead in its budget due to building the Cabins at Wilson Lake and overtime due to Adventure Camp.

MOTION: Johnson/Dusanek
To accept financial and revenue as presented

Aye: Dusanek, Johnson, Mullan

PARKS REPORT: Buckley informed the Board that Pawling would be picking up the logs and Secondary Roads would be assisting in unloading them with their equipment so Pawling could go back for the second load. Mullan asked Buckley where Pawling would be picking up the logs. Buckley told the Board it was about 1½ to 2 hours away in Unionville, IA.

Buckley discussed with the Board a new policy the Army Corps has instated for removal of sediments of flood remains, stating that staff would like to take this material to Wilson Lake to use for landscaping. Mullan asked the reasoning of this new policy and Buckley told the Board that if the sediment was just moved and remained in the area, it eventually runs back into the river and the process starts all over again.

Buckley informed the Board that he is working on two disasters, one includes the lightening strike at Heron Bend Conservation Area, that the Insurance did pick up and pay for the cost of the new phones and phone system and the damage to the computers but that everything else would have to go through FEMA.

Buckley stated that the utility line at Pollmiller has been working fine and the Beach is now closed for the season and that the Beach had almost 4000 users this year.

Buckley told the Board that Oldfield has been working with the Department of Natural Resources and on November 6 they will be delivering 500 trout to Wilson Lake, some of which will be tagged and that LCCB plans on making a fishing event out of this project that will include prizes. Buckley went on to say that he hoped to have the Cabins done by this time to promote them as well.

FOUNDATION UPDATE: Buckley told the Board that LCCB is very close to the desired amount to cover the furnishing of the Cabins from the donations submitted to Three Rivers Conservation Foundation.

REVIEW OF OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP – EVELYN HUSTED: Evelyn stated that in previous years at Adventure Camp she would cook and watch how the staff and children who attended interacted. But this year she stayed for the duration of the camp and was impressed with the amount of work that has been put into this program from the staff and sponsors, stating I wish you could have seen the look on these kids faces. A lengthy discussion continued. Husted asked permission from the LCC Board to go in front of the Board of Supervisors asking them to match funds or assist in seeking money for this program. Mullan stated that it would be beneficial for someone to go to the Board of Supervisors and toot our horn and that without this program a lot of

kids would not have had the opportunity to experience bow hunters safety and hunter's education classes that were part of the curriculum to carry on the sportsperson ship. Mullan went on to say that if Husted would like to carry this one step further, he could possibly arrange some time on WHO with the Sportsman's Corner talk show.

REQUEST FROM FORT MADISONS DUCKS UNLIMITED FOR BANQUEST

SPONSORSHIP: Buckley told the Board that this is an annual request of \$250.00 and informed the Board that Duck's Unlimited did donate \$400.00 to LCCB upon a request from Johlas-Szalkowski to support the Fishing Tournament or Outdoor Adventure Camp.

MOTION: Dusanek/Mullan
To sponsor Ducks Unlimited

Aye: Dusanek, Johnson, Mullan

REQUEST FROM WEST POINT UTILITIES FOR HELP WITH EXPENSES ON NEW ELECTRIC LINE AT POLLMILLER PARK: Buckley informed the Board that the West Point City Manager had asked that the LCCB consider helping with the cost of running the new line into the camp ground at Pollmiller. Buckley informed the Board that it is the responsibility of the utility company to run the line to the meter.

MOTION: Johnson/Dusanek
As much as we regret, it is not within our budget to cover a portion of this bill

Aye: Dusanek, Johnson, Mullan

REVIEW OF RECENT CHANGES IN THE COUNTY PERSONAL POLICY: Buckley told the Board there has been some changes to this policy since LCCB had adopted it. Changes include leave time; minimum personal time leave is 1 hour, minimum sick time is 1 hour, the problem is the vacation time is a minimum of a half day, which is counter productive when trying to stay on top of your vacation time. Buckley recommended that LCCB adopt the minimum of 1 hour sick and personal time and stay consistent with 1 hour minimum of vacation time.

MOTION: Dusanek/ Johnson
To accept the County revised policy of 1 hour minimum sick and 1 hour minimum personal leave.

Aye: Dusanek, Johnson, Mullan

MOTION: Dusanek/ Johnson
That the Lee County Conservation Board employees be allowed to use vacation time in 1 hour increments.

Aye: Dusanek, Johnson, Mullan

CONSIDER ALLOWING PART-TIME EMPLOYEES COMPENSATORY TIME: Buckley stated I would like to see all employees be able to carry up to 80 hours compensatory time and recommended to the Board that LCCB allow part-time employees to accrue up to 80 hours compensatory time.

MOTION: Dusanek/ Johnson
We allow part-time employees to accrue up to 80 hours compensatory time.

Aye: Dusanek, Johnson, Mullan

CABIN UPDATE: Buckley stated that this was covered under Parks Report but continued with, Pawling has other items on order so as the cabins go up we will be able to put in the windows and other items in as needed. Mullan asked if maintenance would be stocking piling items at Wilson Lake. Pawling told the Board that the lumber yard said they would bring out only what was needed. Pawling went on to say that Polk County Conservation Board is willing to send 4-6 people to assist in building the cabin.

BUILDING UPDATE: Buckley informed the Board that he had met with John Hanson to start the Feasibility Study and that Henson would be back on Thursday. Buckley told the Board that the Building Committee has pushed their meeting back.

PROJECT REPORTS AND UPDATES: Buckley told the Board that Oldfield was working on the Shoreline Restoration Project at Pollmiller Park the Press Release was faxed to official media on August 23 the pre-bid meeting was held on September 8 and that bids are due on September 22 and there would be a Bid Opening meeting shortly after that.

Buckley told the Board that his evaluation was due in October and it was explained to the Board members of how this process works, Johnson set a deadline of 9/30 to have the other Board members mail their package to him to allow him time to summarize everyone's individual evaluation.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD: Mullan told the Board that he had received an e-mail from the executive director of the Iowa Sportsman Guide about excessive weed growth in the Mississippi. Oldfield told the Board that this is mostly in the upper Mississippi north of Dubuque and Clinton County.

Dusanek asked when the survey of the Ameren property would continue.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2010 AT 6:00 PM: for a Closed Session Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i) and 7:00 PM for Open Session.

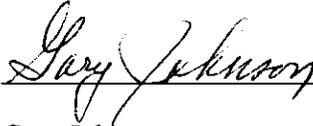
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Johnson/Dusanek/
To adjourn @8:25 PM

Aye: Mullan, Dusanek, Johnson



Chris Lindner
LCCB President



Gary Johnson
LCCB Secretary