

Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board

Meeting March 8, 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   x   Holland   x   Fullhart-Snyder   x   Sylvester   x   Mullan   x  

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

Special Guests: Don Hunold

2. Approval of previous minutes as written

MOTION to approve minutes as written

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Fullhart-Snyder, Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

3. Guests or Special Interests groups

Don Hunold

4. Approval of Bills

MOTION to approve bills

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes: Fullhart-Snyder, Whitaker, Mullan, Sylvester, Holland

5. Approval of Financials/Revenues

MOTION: To approve financials and revenues

Holland/Mullan

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Holland

6. Foundation Report: The February meeting discussed a date and time for the Chicken Dinner and Banquet fundraising activities were discussed and the Foundation appointed a new member, Tom Pollpeter.

7. Parks Report: Oldfield reported on 177 Camp nights, 5 cabin rentals, firewood production, taking reservations for summer rentals, Firewood production, Clean/Inspect cabins and Park Patrol. The Pollmiller residence should be ready for rental by summer. Oldfield also reported on the campground hosts and concessionaire service. There will be special use permit for Wilson Lake for a wedding this summer. Oldfield will keep the Board updated on this situation. The parks will be opened March 19 early because of nice weather.

8. Education Report: Bulger reported on 47 school programs 908 kids, public programs Central Lee Middle School and Central Lee High School had their science fair at Conservation Center, Bulger and Steele are preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt, Hunter Education and the Basket Making class. During February, there were programs at Wilson Lake (Owl Prowl), and Garden Club at the Conservation Center for their meeting.

9. Wildlife Report: Tebbs reported that the Pheasant Forever Banquet should net \$95-120,000 this year. Tebbs and Johnson have completed Pesticide training. The staff has upcoming seeding Projects and are preparing for prescribed burns, Tebbs also noted there is a \$100,000 Native Grass seed order pending and they have 200 acres to burn this spring Forest Reserves have been completed and equipment maintenance is ongoing.

10. Continue Discussion /decision on Building Use

Buckley spoke to Mike Short in regards to animals in the building. Lots of discussion followed, and a motion was made.

MOTION to deny access to all animals (exception for service animals)

Whitaker/Holland

Roll Call Vote: Fullhart-Snyder No Sylvester Aye Whitaker Aye Holland Aye Mullan Aye

Motion carried by majority

11. Review/Approve Step Increase from Class V step 3 at \$17.72 per hour, to Class V step 4 at \$18.25 per hour for Administrative Assistant.

MOTION to approve step increase for Administrative Assistant

Holland/Whitaker

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Holland

12. Review/Approve Concessionaire Contractor

MOTION to approve Starr Kissner for Pollmiller Concessionaire

Holland/ Mullan

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Holland

13. Review/Approve Campground Hosts

MOTION to approve Larry Parrish for Chatfield and Randy Cook for Wilson Lake Campground Hosts

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Holland

14. Consider dates for the Annual banquet and Chicken Dinner Fundraising

06-02-16 Chicken Dinner at Charleston Board of Trade in Charleston, IA

10-24-16 Banquet at Lee County Conservation Center

Talking to Hy-Vee about Catering the banquet. A call is in to Chandler's to get a price quote on catering.

15. Review Annual Report

Buckley prepared a first draft on the Annual Report, asked board to look it over, and we will discuss it at the upcoming meeting in April.

16. Comments/Committee Reports

Don Hunold said he tells the supervisors what has taken place with Conservation each month. If there is anything we wish for the supervisors to know, he asks that we mention it at the meetings so he can take it back to them. Buckley reported that the suit at the Wilson Lake Cabins has been settled and we must put a hand railing in at the cabins. Buckley also noted the trailer is off of our land at Wilson Lake. Buckley suggests we do not allow easement at the Wilson Lake property.

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

18. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 7:08 pm

Whitaker/Holland

Ayes Fullhart-Snyder, Mullan, Whitaker, Sylvester, Holland

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Harry Sylvester

LCCB President

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William Mullan

LCCB Secretary