

**Worth County Conservation Board
Minutes
November 8, 2012**

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Board members also present were: Matt Smith, Justin Faber, and Randy Sime. Also present was Dean Mueller, Dan Block, and Jim Hanson.

Sime moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Smith moved to accept the October minutes, seconded Sime, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Director's Report

1. Parks are closed. All of you were notified of the fire that escaped while Jim and Brett were burning leaves at Silver Lake Park.
2. The aerators are in for the season. We are running one in each pit at Kuennen's in a effort to keep the fish alive this winter. Did meet with Abrams on having the tile main north of the park diverted into the quarry. Falk did say that he will be done quarrying south of us this month and has the dike half constructed to close off that section of the quarry. He also asked if we still wanted to seed the berm between the properties.
3. The park host for KQ has moved out.
4. New boundary signs are up on the Prestholt and Farhm properties.
5. The deck job on the Swensrud bridge is completed.
6. The new dry fire system has been ordered. The system will be for the high school team and 4-H, everyone thought it would be best kept with the Board so everyone could have access to it.
7. ISAC fall school of instruction will be Nov. 28 and 29. Both Jim and I will be attending.
Jim will be scheduling personnel reviews on Nov. 26 & 27 as part of his training. This year we decided to have a staff meeting the following week to discuss the reviews and the year in general

Motion by Sime to accept Director's Report, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist Report

1-Oct	Study Club	Appleseed Info
2-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
2-Oct	NK 10	Plant test (2)
3-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
4-Oct	NK 5	Big Island Rendezvous
5-Oct	Man 3	Habittracks
8-Oct	NK Ecol	Timber Ecology
9-Oct	NK Ecol	Timber Ecology
10-Oct	NK Ecol	Timber Ecology
11-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
11-Oct	CS 3	Crayfish
12-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
15-Oct	St An 12	Trajectory Lab

15-Oct	NK 4	Groundwater
16-Oct	NK 4	Groundwater
16-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
17-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
17-Oct	NK 1	Owls
18-Oct	NK 6	Hormel Field trip, ashcakes
19-Oct	NK 6	Hormel Field trip, ashcakes
22-Oct	NK 4	Pollute a river
23-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
23-Oct	NK 4	Pollute a river
24-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
24-Oct	CS 4	Eye
24-Oct	Assisted Living	Timber Ecology
25-Oct	NK 1	Rock Quarry
29-Oct	NK 4	Oystering on the bay
30-Oct	CS Ecol	Timber Ecology
30-Oct	NK 4	Oystering on the bay

Cleared Buckthorn at Deer Creek for spring planting.
Smith moved to approve Naturalist Report, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Hanson gave an update on the NRPA conference highlighting some of the sessions attended.

Smith moved to apply for a Fish Habitat Stamp Grant project on the Sidney Swensrude Wildlife Area, seconded by Sime motion carried.

Smith moved to apply for a Fish Habitat Stamp Grant for spawning structure for the jetties at Silver Lake, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

After discussion on an offer to buy a parcel of ground near Silver Lake the Board decided not to pursue it with the idea of trying to stick to our land acquisition ideas from the Three year plan.

After some discussion on the Ag lease at Shellrock Wildlife area it was decided that Mueller would talk to Greve's Law office about terminating the lease due to not paying rent.

Smith moved to hire Bergland and Cram to design the cold storage building to be built at the recycle center, seconded by Sime, motion carried.

There was some early budget discussion with the major work coming at the December meeting.

Hanson gave the Board members some insight as to what he sees in the future of the county and our programs.

Sime moved to pay the following bills

Northwood Lumber		\$1,895.21	lumber
Grovac In		\$1,184.40	aerator & parts

Worth Co Engineer	\$991.00	fuel
Visa	\$610.89	hotel, meals
Mark's Tractor	\$563.52	
Northwood True Value	\$537.40	supplies
Fallgaters	\$410.52	supplies
Car Quest	\$361.34	parts
Lawns Plus	\$350.00	mowing
Alliant Energy	\$315.88	
The Tire Experts	\$205.16	tires
Green Canopy	\$195.00	septic pumping
Diamond Mowers, Inc	\$179.38	parts
City Shoe	\$161.99	uniform
Worth County Extension	\$105.00	pesticided training
Manly Junction Signal	\$100.00	newsletter
Northwood Anchor	\$100.00	newsletter
Hubber Supply	\$93.77	cart
Heartland Power	\$77.00	electricity
Jim Hanson	\$64.24	
Media Com	\$59.95	cable
North Country Equipment	\$57.51	parts, shipping
North County Equipment	\$25.85	parts
City of Northwood	\$17.00	water
Olson Trading Post	\$14.00	pvc pipe
State Hygeienic Lab	\$11.00	water test
Dean Mueller	\$7.99	meal
Total	\$8,695.00	

Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson
Deputy Director

Jeff Vansteenburgh
President