

Worth County Conservation Board

Minutes

August 1, 2013

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Board members also present were: Matt Smith and Troy Christiansen. Others present were: Dean Mueller and Anna Osterrich.

Christiansen moved to approve the agenda as posted. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

There were no minutes to be approved.

The Director reported:

1. We are signed up in the farm program again and will have to wait to see if we are drawn for payment.
2. Water level at Kuennen's has held this summer and people are coming back. Has been more family orientated this summer. Glass bottles are still a problem and I did have to take down one rope swing. Deputies did arrest 1 for OWI and 1 for drug possession. Dever wrote one ticket for no fishing license and 4 for under age drinking. I wrote 2 citations for jumping off the fishing pier.
3. Camping at Silver Lake has been slow this year. We are at 36 registrations vs. 47 in 2012. Last year at this time we had a total of 68 registrations, 21 were at OcheeYahola. We have 0 at OY this year.
4. The DNR has started stocking Silver Lake and will begin bringing the water level back up.
5. We still have some storm damaged trees to trim or remove. There are several dead trees at Kuennen's due to the drought that will need to be removed this fall.
6. We have been mowing thistles, dikes and drives.
7. I attended the ITC meeting this morning. Does not look like the power line will affect us.
8. We have been tasked with putting together and educational effort on our proposed building as the Supervisors are going to put it on the ballot for the general election in 2014. Not sure how

they plan to fund the building, especially when they may be purchasing the building the nurses are in.

9. There may be some interesting interaction with the Iowa PF staff in the coming months. IACCB has decided to spend time and effort on other legislative items other than IWILL next year. PF wants the CCB's to organize a grass roots support group in each county to help pass a sales tax increase and raise funds for the effort. IACCB believes that in an election year the chances of passing a sales tax increase is slim, if not nonexistent. This sediment is also coming from the legislators.
10. Seeding on the Frahm and Prestholt properties is on hold until this fall. We will use the DNR's vicon seeder which will speed the process up.
11. Starting to put water into Wood Duck Hollow. Mehuse will start filling next week.

Smith moved to accept the Director's report. Second by Christiansen. Motion carried.

Naturalist report (by Anna):

2013 Summer Young Naturalist Programs

17 Program Topics

Air Rifle Clinic 8

Fishing Clinic 18

Boating 4

Black Powder Week 8

Air to AR

Canoeing 2

Stream Wading 8

Trap Shooting 10

Photography 5

Hiking/Geocaching 8

Little Ones 3

Native American Week 5



Outdoor Skills

Cave Trip 1

Astronomy Overnight

Mississippi River Trip 1

Gooseberry Falls Trip 1



Programs Total 82+

*Involved over 80 kids from Worth County

*Many first fish were caught during the fishing clinics

*Kids learned plants they can find in the woods and what to use them for

*Native American week taught the kids how to make an authentic dream catcher and how to cook on a fire

Christiansen moved to accept the Naturalist report. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

Registrations for the annual meeting have been made for Smith and Vansteenburgh.

The Director was asked to cancel all of the farm leases and convey to the renters that we are attempting to standardize the leases and that they will have the first chance to rent the property next year. Lease details will be worked up at the next meeting.

Smith moved to submit grant requests to the WCDA for play equipment at both Worth County Lake and Silver Lake. Second by Christiansen. Motion carried.

The Director presented plans for a campground at Worth County Lake. The Board liked the design and asked that cost estimates be developed with the intent to apply for grant monies in 2014.

There was discussion on the educational effort that will need to be made prior to the general election in 2014 when the public will be asked to fund a new office building. The Director was asked to develop a draft time line and the board will work on the issue starting in October.

Christiansen moved to approve the counties IT policy. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

The Director was asked to get a security cabinet to secure the various firearms that the Board owns.

Smith moved to pay the following bills:

Northwood Lumber	\$9.81	lumber
Fallgaters	\$12.03	supplies
Total Glass and Lock	\$14.85	keys
City of Northwood	\$17.00	water
Iowa DNR	\$25.00	water supply permit
Ver Helst Drug	\$39.04	
Truax Co., Inc	\$44.52	drill parts
St. Ansgar Plumbing and Heating	\$50.00	repairs
North Country Equipment	\$54.71	parts, shipping
Media Com	\$59.95	cable
Dean Mueller	\$64.18	uniform pants
Pritchards	\$84.95	parts and repairs
Car Quest	\$87.67	parts
Manly Junction Signal	\$100.00	newsletter
Northwood Anchor	\$100.00	newsletter
Brett Backhaus	\$100.01	uniform
Olson Trading Post	\$106.39	sanding belts, parts
CID	\$118.75	cleaning supplies
Heartland Power	\$176.00	electricity
City Shoe	\$182.74	uniform
Jim Hanson	\$247.11	uniform
Alliant Energy	\$323.39	electric service
Dan Block	\$446.94	shotgun
Health Works	\$451.00	employment physical
Visa	\$483.18	hotel, meals, postage, keys
Mark's Tractor	\$607.02	parts
Lawns Plus	\$705.00	mowing

Eilertson Repair	\$800.00	tire
IACCB	\$875.00	conference registration
One Stop Forestry	\$1,207.50	trees, planting
Falkstone	\$3,512.30	rock
Total	\$11,106.04	

Second by Christiansen. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Dean A Mueller

Jeff Vansteenburgh

Director

President