

## Worth County Conservation Board

### Minutes

September, 5 2013

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Other board members present were; Matt Smith, Randy Sime, Justin Faber, and Troy Christianson. Others present were Dean Mueller, Dan Block, and Jim Hanson.

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

Smith move to approve the minutes from the August meeting, Seconded by Christianson, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Director's Report

1. Labor Day weekend was a busy one. Worth Co. Lake and Kuennen's were busy. Not many campers, one at Silver Lake and one at Ochee Yahola.
2. No activity on our fish habitat projects.
3. The contractor should be starting on our storage building next week.
4. We have cleaned and sealed the patio and sidewalk at the south shelter in Kuennen's. The old rest room area and where the tree blew down this spring has been leveled and seeded. Also have marked all the dead cottonwoods for removal this winter. We may leave a couple for next summer and drop them in the pit as fish habitat.
5. All the boards are in at both Mehus and Wood Duck Hollow. Not sure if the seeding of emergent plants worked or not.
6. We have sprayed the weeds at the Prestholt/Frahm addition in preparation of a dormant seeding. The contractor for the dirt work has not come back yet.
7. The new hay field at Panicum has been seeded. The field at Wally's Woods will be dormant seeded do to the hot dry weather.
8. The cap stone for the bridge approach at Worth County Lake has been put on.
9. The van for the intern has been sold back to the Trading Post.
10. We are almost sold out of trees for the Alliant ReLeaf program.

Motion by Sime to approve Director's Report, Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist Report

August		
20-Aug	cs ecol	plant id
21-Aug	cs ecol	plant id
21-Aug	nk 10	plant id (2)

22-Aug nk 10 plant id (2)  
 22-Aug nk ecol Fish  
 23-Aug nk 10 plant id (2)  
 23-Aug nk ecol Fish  
 26-Aug nk 10 plant id (2)  
 garden  
 26-Aug club Prairie  
 29-Aug cs ecol plant id  
 30-Aug cs ecol plant id

15 programs

School programs off to a good start.  
 New Biology Teacher in Manly. Will continue previous programming.

Smith moved to approve Naturalist Report, Seconded by Christianson, motion carried.

After some discussion on the Farm Lease program it was decided to be tabled until October meeting due the lack of power and the ability to access the server to get the figures needed for further discussion.

After some discussion on the brush and trees on the trail the board decided not to approve Jesse Anderson's offer for cleaning up the trails.

After some discussion on the adoption of a firewood resolution to slow emerald ash borer from spreading, it was decided to do an educational campaign next summer and revisit the issue as the EAB spreads towards us.

After some discussion on the board putting together a silent auction basket for the annual conference they wanted the staff to look into it and put something together.

After much discussion on personnel issues and policies it was decided that we would continue to look into the issues and policies next month.

Smith moved to pay the following bills

Worth Co Engineer	\$4,631.65	fuel
Lawns Plus	\$1,840.00	mowing
Albert Lea Seed House	\$1,311.99	seed
Alliant Energy	\$841.21	electric service
Cemstone	\$485.26	pea rock
Johnson Vinyl Graphics	\$480.00	shirts, sign
A&I	\$379.64	tire repair
Northwood True Value	\$353.56	supplies
Martin Marietta Materials	\$333.97	road stone

Mark's Tractor	\$329.12	parts
IACCB	\$310.00	conference registration
ISAC	\$300.00	registration
Car Quest	\$223.30	
Lawson	\$135.57	ear plugs, drill bit, paint
Media Com	\$119.90	cable
Heartland Power	\$96.01	electricity
Fallgaters	\$105.97	supplies
Olson Trading Post	\$71.85	sanding belts, parts
CCPOA	\$60.00	registration
Canadian Pacific Railway	\$50.00	easement
Dean Mueller	\$49.15	uniform pants
Northwood Lumber	\$37.45	lumber
Manly Junction Signal	\$36.00	hay bid
City of Northwood	\$34.00	water
Northwood Anchor	\$25.20	hay bid
Visa	\$16.72	postage, fuel
State Hygeienic Lab	\$12.00	water test
Ver Helst Drug	\$7.16	naturalist supplies
	\$12,627.55	

Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Jim Hanson

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Jeff Vansteenburgh

Deputy Director

President