

Worth County Conservation Board

Minutes

April 3, 2014

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Other board members present were; Jeff Vansteenburgh, Randy Sime, and Justin Faber. Employees present were Dean Mueller, Dan Block, and Jim Hanson.

Faber moved to approve the Agenda for April, Seconded by Sime, Motion carried.

Vansteenburgh moved to approve the minutes from February, Seconded by Sime, Motion carried.

Mueller gave the Director's report

1. County Day at the capitol was good. We were able to spend some time with both Byrnes and Wihelm. It is nice to able to talk with them when you do not have an agenda to push. Byrnes did express an interest in participating with our annual projects tour.
2. ISAC had some good presentations. Hazelton presented a power point on the county system and our value to the economy to the Supervisor's affiliate. The program was well received, but it appeared that half the Supervisors slipped out of the room before the presentation started.
3. The Dist. 2 meeting had a presentation on wetlands and their management that was interesting in that they discussed research being conducted comparing natural wetlands to manmade wetlands.
4. Our playground equipment for Worth County Lake was delivered today. Installation is scheduled for May 5, so we should start advertising that we need some volunteers to help. I also need to arrange for delivery of the safety fiber.
5. The fish spawning beds at Silver Lake have been completed. We just need to have the area in front of the boat ramp cleaned out. DNR has put the boards back in and are starting to fill the lake. They are going to try putting out fertilized perch roe rather than stock fry.
6. The new phone system is being installed and tested. We will get our phones when everything is working properly.
7. We will be getting a new computer system. Joel decided to replace our tower rather than install a new operating system. We are using XP which will not be supported after April 8.

8. The review and update of the county personnel policy should not affect us unless further changes are proposed.
9. As you probably know, the emerald ash borer has been found in some counties and the entire state is now under quarantine.
10. The offer for the PND property is ready and I will deliver it tomorrow. Assuming that they sign it, we will have 6 weeks to put the habitat stamp grant together and submit it.

Motion by Sime to approve Director's report, Seconded by Faber, Motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist Report

4-Mar	nk 1	owls (2)
5-Mar	nk 4	scent tracking
6-Mar	cs 4	scent tracking
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7-Mar	cs 4	whales (2)
7-Mar	st an 6	Deer heart
18-Mar	nk 1	tracks (2)
22-Mar	nk ecol	crane trip
23-Mar	nk ecol	crane trip
24-Mar	st an 8	Lewis and Clark
24-Mar	cs 4	maple syruping (2)
25-Mar	st an 8	Lewis and Clark
	nk 12	Ornithology 16 programs

32 programs

Sand Hill Crane trip with Ecology and Ornithology class.

Did not get any applicants who wanted the intern job.

Motion by Sime to approve Naturalist Report, Seconded by Vansteenburgh, Motion carried.

Falk asked about putting an asphalt plant somewhere on one of our properties on or near the state line. He was told No because of the funding mechanisms associated with the properties and our agreements wouldn't allow for this.

The ideas for the three year plan were gone over and all that that they seemed like good ideas and would like to see them drawn up into the three year plan document.

During the Discussion for the Three year plan there was discussion on the issue of staffing in the future. Mueller stated that he would most likely be retiring in October of 2014. Vansteenburgh made a motion to hire Mueller back to work as a Seasonal Park Aid and Ranger to work during the summer of 2015 for \$13,000. Hanson's salary would move up to \$45,500, and a full Time Park and Wildlife Tech would then be hired starting around \$30,000. Motion was seconded by Faber, Motion carried.

For the building update not much had be accomplished on the project other than them doing some interviews for the publication. Samuels will be doing some random phone calls around the county to see what people know and think of the project.

Sime made a motion to pay the following Bills

Viafield	\$8.03	wood shavings
Worth County Conservation FD	\$10.00	fire line refresher
State Hygeienic Lab	\$12.00	water test
Ver Helst Drug	\$14.79	naturalist supplies
Fallgaters	\$16.44	supplies
Mark's Tractor	\$39.20	parts, snow blower
City of Northwood	\$47.00	water
Northwood Lumber	\$52.00	lumber
Dean Mueller	\$59.83	meal - ISAC, CCPOA registration
Media Com	\$59.95	cable
Grafton Welding	\$60.00	tool box repair
Manly Junction Signal	\$136.00	notebook, add
Worth County Extension	\$140.00	pesticided training
Heartland Power	\$161.78	electricity
Northwood True Value	\$179.36	supplies
Car Quest	\$218.17	parts
CNH Capital	\$224.12	parts
Northwood Anchor	\$250.40	notebook, add
D&L Equipment	\$362.42	parts
Floyd and Leonard	\$719.42	parts, snowblower
Alliant Energy	\$755.10	electric service
Visa	\$833.98	postage, meals
Stockton Trout Farm	\$1,200.00	
Worth Co Engineer	\$1,327.03	fuel
Charlson Excavating	\$21,038.58	Fish Habitat
	\$27,925.60	

Seconded by Vansteenbug, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson

Matt Smith

Deputy Director

President