

## Worth County Conservation Board

### Minutes

October 2, 2014

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

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

Sime moved to approve the minutes from the special September meeting, Seconded by Vansteenburgh, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Directors report.

1. The annual meeting was very good. Seeing Iowa's only true buffalo herd was interesting. Especially the discussion on using them to keep the prairie diversity high.
2. Jim closed on the PND property this Monday. Will have to wait for the signed contract to come back from the DNR to file for reimbursement.
3. I have filed for reimbursement from WCDA for the play area at Worth County Lake.
4. The training at CCPOA was good as usual.
5. The discussions on IWILL have been interesting. There is a lot of educating that needs to be done with the coalition about the funding. There is still no guarantee that the CCB's will get much other than the "additional REAP monies" and access to some extra grant programs. The DNR has to start writing the administrative rules and we need to be at the table (which is not guaranteed).
6. Still having a poor turnout for the town hall meetings on the new building. We are reaching some of the voters, but it still is not clear what the public is thinking.
7. Jim met with the Supervisors and now has signing authority at ASCS and has been appointed to fill my seat on the regional hazmat planning committee.
8. Jim and I attended a Transportation Alternatives Program meeting last week. This is the program the funds most of the trail activity in the state. They are trying to put together a plan in order to try and get connectivity between trails.
9. Work has started on the tile diversion at Kuennen's.
10. The chemical treatment of the pond at Northern Prairie has been delayed until next week on Tuesday.
11. The tile breaks at Willow Creek have been completed.
12. Jim and Brett have been able to seed down most of our food plots with some alternative seed mixes that should provide cover and some food value.
13. Twice now someone has been dumping the Shopper into our garbage cans. Once at Worth Co. Lake the weekend of August 9 and again at Kuennen's the weekend of September 13. Jim called the Globe to report the problem.
14. As this is my last board meeting, I would like to let you know that it has been a pleasure working with this board. I know most of you have no idea what the program was like 36 years ago, but we have been able to build a program that we should all be proud of. The future holds some opportunities to grow the program and make an even bigger impact wildlife, recreation and environmental education. Don't be afraid to step out and take advantage of those opportunities.

Motion by Vansteenburgh to approve the Directors report, Seconded by Sime, Motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist report.

1-Sep	NK 10	Plant Ecology (2)
1-Sep	NK Ecol	Stream Wading
2-Sep	NK 10	Plant Ecology (2)
2-Sep	NK Ecol	Stream Wading
2-Sep	St An 6	Geocaching
3-Sep	NK 10	Plant Ecology (2)
4-Sep	NK 10	Plant Ecology (2)
4-Sep	CS Ecol	Plant Ecology
5-Sep	NK 10	Plant Ecology (2)
5-Sep	CS Ecol	Plant Ecology
5-Sep	CS 1	Butterfly Migration (2)
8-Sep	NK 10	Plant Ecology (2)
8-Sep	NK Ecol	Stream Wading
9-Sep	NK 10	Plant Ecology (2)
9-Sep	NK Ecol	Stream Wading
10-Sep	CS 3	Crayfish
10-Sep	NK 10	Plant Ecology (2)
11-Sep	CS Ecol	Stream Wading
11-Sep	NK 2	Butterfly Migration (2)
12-Sep	CS NK 3	Ag day ecology
16-Sep	NK Ecol	Stream Wading
18-Sep	CS Ecol	Stream Wading
19-Sep	CS Ecol	Stream Wading
19-Sep	CS 3	Crayfish
22-Sep	CS Ecol	Limnology (2)
23-Sep	CS 1	Apple cider (2)
24-Sep	NK 12	Zoo
25-Sep	CS Ecol	Stream Wading
25-Sep	NK 10	Plant Test
26-Sep	NK 4	Orienteering (2)
29-Sep	CS Ecol	Water Testing (2)
30-Sep	NK 1	Quarry (2)

47 Programs

Timber top sale  
Villa Louis trip  
leaves  
tomorrow

Motion by Vansteenbure to approve the Naturalist report, Seconded by Sime, Motion carried.

PND property was closed on, and will be signed for public hunting in the next month.

Vansteenburgh made a motion to revoke Mueller's signing authority effective October 11<sup>th</sup> and give Hanson the signing authority for the Boards behalf on that date, seconded by Christiansen, motion carried.

Sime moved to pay the following bills

PND, LLC.	\$105,000.00
Pritchards	\$622.23
Visa	\$596.43
Viafield	\$593.48
D&L Equipment	\$301.90
Northwood True Value	\$165.78
Manly Junction Signal	\$127.00
Heartland Power	\$90.87
Lawson	\$72.07
Northwood Anchor	\$37.80
Northwood Lumber	\$27.59
Ag Power	\$26.77
Fallgaters	\$26.39
Total	\$107,688.31

Seconded by Christiansen, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Jim Hanson

Director

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Matt Smith

President