

Worth County Conservation Board

Minutes

January 5, 2012

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Other Board members present were Matt Smith, Randy Sime, and Justin Faber. Others present were Dean Mueller, Brett Backhaus, and Jim Hanson.

President Vansteenburgh swore Justin Faber into the appointment to serve on the Worth County Conservation Board.

Sime made a motion to approve the agenda, Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Smith moved to accept the minutes of the December meeting Seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Smith made a motion to have the officer positions remain the same for 2012, seconded by Sime, motion carried. Vansteenburgh as President, Smith as Vice-president, and Christensen as Secretary.

Mueller gave the Director's report

1. We did meet with Modus and have them working on the building systems to provide cost estimates.
2. Nicole Streets will start here next Monday. I am using this opportunity to help with Jim's training. I have sent her driver info to the insurance company so she can drive our vehicles.
3. I did order the truck from Mason City Ford. It was what we wanted. The Co. Engineer also ordered two vehicles from them.
4. There is a copy of the employee goals for your review.
5. I have the budget review with the Supervisors on Monday, January 16.
6. Scott Grummer was up and we looked at the river on the Swensrud area for possible fish habitat stamp projects. He will send us some possible ideas in the near future. At some point we might want to consider doing a project in the city park to improve fishing, if the city would let us.
7. I will be attending the REAP Congress this Saturday and a special reception on Friday night.
8. Jim and Brett will be at the PF state meeting this weekend. Jim will be pitching our land acquisition project at Willow Creek. Brett is using this opportunity as continuing ed, one subject being presented is dove food plot management.
9. Staff will be at Winterfest on January 23,24 & 25.
10. Our annual OSHA training is set for February 1.
11. Fire line refresher training will be on February 15.

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

Naturalist Report was handed out in Packets

1-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
2-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
6-Dec	St An 7	Canada Fur Trade (3)
7-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
8-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
9-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
14-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
15-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
16-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
19-Dec	Manly Assisted Living	Western woods PPT
21-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)
22-Dec	CS 7	Hunter Safety (3)

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Hunter Safety at Nora Springs, again, well received by the school.

Planned Como Observatory trip in February with Mitchell County, have the trip basically filled up.

Sime moved to approve the Naturalist Reoprt, Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

There was some discussion on the current water level and ice conditions at Kuennen's Quarry, board was suggested to try to get through there in the day light to see the site conditions.

There was some discussion on our grant program requests for traditional playground versus a natural playscape.

After some discussion on contracting with Iberdrola to pick up any injured or dead bats or birds at the windmill sites Smith motioned to negotiate a contract, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Employee goals were handed out in the packets and looked over.

There was some discussion on the topic of cell phone use with a CDL to follow new DOT guidelines, with the County hands free policy won't be much of a change.

Sime moved to pay the following bills

Worth County Engineer	\$2,056.17
Hogen Lawn Care	\$1,150.00
Bergland + Cram	\$ 800.00
One Stop Forestry	\$ 799.50
Alliant Energy	\$ 484.28
Reindl Repair	\$ 311.70
Visa	\$ 250.52
Carquest Auto Parts	\$ 187.44
North Country Eq. LLC	\$ 150.00
Ag Vantage FS, Inc	\$ 136.71
Manly Junction Signal	\$ 100.00
Northwood Anchor	\$ 100.00
Northwood Welding	\$ 97.00
IACCBE	\$ 95.00
Mediacom	\$ 189.90
Heartland Power Coop	\$ 42.00
Worth County Extension Service	\$ 35.00
City of Northwood	\$ 34.00
Fallgatters Market	\$ 19.82
D & L Equipment	\$ 10.60
Total	\$ 7,049.64

Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson

Deputy Director

Jeff Vansteenburgh

President