

Worth County Conservation Board

Minutes

May 3, 2012

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. Other Board members present were Justin Faber, Randy Sime, and Troy Christensen. Others present were Dean Mueller, Dan Block, and Jim Hanson.

Sime made a motion to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Faber, motion carried

Faber moved to accept the April and the Kuennen's Quarry special meeting Minutes, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Director's report

1. We were able to get some burns in, but again not as many as we would have liked. Burned at: Panicum (2), Swensrud, Kuennen's, Turkeyfoot.
2. Public meeting on Kuennen's Quarry was not as well attended as I had hoped.
3. Closed on the Frahm property. Closing on the Prestholt property could happen at anytime now.
4. I have worked out a deal with the MN DNR on paying the drainage taxes for Panicum Prairie.
5. Dan and I have taken the CPR refresher course. Brett will have to attend in May sometime.
6. The new concrete for the shelter at Silver Lake is done and looks nice. We have built up around it with dirt and seeded.
7. Wilert is working on the grill at WCL this week.
8. Worth Co. Lake will be featured the Globe Gazette this spring as part of a promotion of local parks.
9. We had some high school kids do a clean up around Silver Lake as part of the community day.
10. Started working on food plots.
11. I have requested a new set of license plates for the old pickup. With Nicole working this summer, we will need the extra vehicle.

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

Block gave the Naturalist report

1-Mar	St An 8	Lewis and Clark
2-Mar	St An 8	Lewis and Clark
	NK Ecol and	
5-Mar	Ornithology	Bird Banding at Hormel
8-Mar	CS Ecol	Ornithology
9-Mar	CS Ecol	Ornithology
12-Mar	CS 3	Glaciers
12-Mar	NK 4	Mount ST Helens (2)
14-Mar	CS 4	Comet
15-Mar	CS Ecol	Ornithology
16-Mar	CS Ecol	Ornithology

21-Mar	Manly Assisted Living	Birds
26-Mar	NK 2	Penguins (2)
27-Mar	CS Ecol	Mammology
28-Mar	CS Ecol	Mammology
29-Mar	CS Ecol	Mammology
30-Mar	CS Ecol	Mammology

Ornithology 17 programs NK

4/3-4/5	Adults	Crane trip
16-Apr	CS Ecol	Fish spawning (2)
16-Apr	Manly Assisted Living	Fish spawning
19-Apr	NK 5	Iowa Indians
20-Apr	NK 5	Iowa Indians
23-Apr	CS 3	Hydropower
23-Apr	St An adults	Starlab
24-Apr	NK 1	Ducks (2)
24-Apr	NK 2	Trees (2)
25-Apr	NK 9	WW2 shoot
25-Apr	CS 2	Trees (2)
26-Apr	NK 4	Science museum
27-Apr	CS 4	Owl Pellets
27-Apr	Girl scouts	Laser shot
30-Apr	CS 3	RNC field trip

Ornithology 16 programs NK

Rearing ponds dry this year, northern fry put in Shell Rock backwater areas.

Young naturalist program schedule out to students.

Scheduled joint Mississippi River trip with Mitchell County. Planning August trip for adults.

Motion by Sime to approve Naturalist report, Seconded by Christensen, motion carried.

There was discussion on how the informational meeting about Kuennen's Quarry went and some of the options presented that night. It was decided to send a letter to Dave Falk to address the problem and some of the solutions and hopefully come up with a plan to implement.

There was discussion on whether to accept a river access on the Winnebago River if Jack Larson continues to pursue giving it to the Conservation Board, Motion was made by Faber to accept land if donated, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Rufus Glassel sent a letter wondering if the Conservation Board would want to buy some of his property along the Shellrock River for \$3,600, it was determined that at this point we were not interested, and Dean will send him a letter to decline the offer.

There was discussion to continue to move forward on plans and cost estimates for putting up a cold storage shed at the recycling center area. Motion was made by Christensen to continue to move on the project, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Sime made a motion to approve signing the Iberdrola contract for picking up bats and birds if the county has the proper insurance allotments, Seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Sime moved to pay the following Bills

Central Iowa Distributing		\$1,500.00
Dave Syverson Ford		\$ 625.16
D & L Equipment		\$ 229.00
Manly Junction Signal		\$ 100.00
Northwood Anchor		\$ 100.00
Heartland Power Coop		\$ 72.00
Fallgatters Market		\$ 24.00
North Country Eq. LLC		\$ 19.60
Northwood Welding		\$ 10.40
Northwood Lumber		\$ 5.55
Visa		\$ 3.93
	Total	\$ 2,689.64

Seconded by Christensen, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson

Deputy Director

Jeff Vansteenburgh

President