

**Worth County Conservation Board
Minutes
December 6, 2012**

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members also present were: Matt Smith, Justin Faber, Troy Christianson and Randy Sime. Also present was Dean Mueller, and Jim Hanson.

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

Smith moved to accept the November minutes, seconded Sime, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Directors report

1. ISAC was a good workshop as usual. One item that was timely was a presentation on the bidding process.
2. The water level at Kuennen's has dropped enough that the ground coils are within a foot or less of the surface. We have a call into St. Ansgar Plumbing to determine how much of a problem this will be.
3. The F 150 was sold for \$9,300.
4. Fish habitat stamp grant selection will be next Wednesday. There is a request for \$180,541.83 and there is \$142,583.00 to disperse. Jim will be presenting our grants.
5. We have submitted a budget amendment to cover the purchase of the Prestholt property, the new van, both fish habitat grants (in case we get them) and salary for the naturalist intern grant.
6. Bergland and Cram are working on the plans for our storage building. Hopefully, we can go to bid in February. We need to decide when to hold the public hearing.

Christensen moved to approve Director's report, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Board read the Naturalist report

11/1/2012	nk 3	Quarry and windfarms
11/2/2012	NK 3	caves (2)
5-Nov	CS2	Lime Creek field trip
6-Nov	ST An 6	Cell
6-Nov	CS 4	Owl pellets
7-Nov	ST An 6	Cell
8-Nov	nk 3	Bird Beak Adaptations (2)
19-Nov	CS 4	Pilot Knob field trip
20-Nov	CS 2	Turkey traditions
20-Nov	CS KG	Corn Grinding (2)
21-Nov	NK k-2	Turkey traditions (6)
27-Nov	CS 6	Revolutionary War guns (2)
27-Nov	Manly Nursing Home	Revolutionary War guns
28-Nov	Manly Assisted Living	Revolutionary War guns

30-Nov CS 6
30-Nov NK KG

Revolutionary War Guns
Sawmill

25 programs

NAI convention in Virginia. Was very good. Several sessions should lead to new PPT programming. I presented how we do our timber management with student involvement.

Started Hunter Safety in Nora Springs this week.

Sime moved to approve the Naturalist report, seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Mueller passed around the staff personnel reviews for the board to look over.

There was discussion on the FYE14 budget with Smith moving to approve the presented budget, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

It was decided to work on Ag leases for the January meeting

Sime moved to pay the following bills

Worth Co Engineer	\$1,395.44	fuel
Ion Exchange	\$ 346.25	prairie seed
Alliant Energy	\$ 334.77	
Northwood Electric	\$ 325.72	KQ line repair
Hubber Supply	\$ 250.00	bench grinder
A&I	\$ 248.72	tire repair
Northwood Lumber	\$ 236.98	lumber
Car Quest	\$ 126.50	parts
Northwood Anchor	\$ 100.00	newsletter
Manly Junction Signal	\$ 100.00	newletter
Diamond Mowers, Inc	\$ 99.60	parts
Truax Co., Inc	\$ 81.97	drill parts
Heartland Power	\$ 74.09	electricity
Media Com	\$ 59.95	cable
City of Northwood	\$ 17.00	water
Total	\$3,796.99	

Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.
Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson
Deputy Director

Jeff Vansteenburgh
President