

Worth County Conservation Board
Minutes
April 4, 2013

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Board members also present were: Matt Smith, Justin Faber, Troy Christianson and Randy Sime. Also present was Dean Mueller, Dan Block, and Jim Hanson.

Christianson moved to approve the agenda, Seconded by Faber, Motion carried.

Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting, Seconded by Sime, Motion carried.

Mueller gave the Directors report

1. The spring board member meeting was good and reasonably well attended. The director of the Tourism Dept , Shawna Lode, spoke to the group about working together to promote our parks and campgrounds. Jim Pease presented the new River Steward program.
2. ISAC was worth attending as usual. The hot topic was the health care issue and who would have to be given benefits. The rules are not all in place and things will be evolving in the next 2 to 3 years. IMWCA also gave a presentation on workman's compensation and how premiums will be calculated in the next few years. This showed why a good safety program was needed from a fiscal point of view. There was a presentation on the transportation alternative program and how the funding is or could change. This info will be handy because there is renewed interest in a bike trail by county residents.
3. The county safety committee is now starting to offer training. There are two videos that all employees need to watch and sign off on. They are defensive driving and office ergonomics.
4. Full funding for REAP is losing some traction and I am not sure why. The Senate was backing it very strongly and the House was following the Governors budget recommendation. It is possible that the senate was just using it as a bargaining tool, but the senators that Jim and I talked with were very upbeat about full funding.
5. Will start cleaning the parks and getting them open. Should be able to start burning in the last half of the month.
6. The NRCS still has not done anything about a seeding plan for the Prestholt/Frahm property.
7. The boards on Mehus and Wood Duck Hollow have been pulled. Both were full so the soils should be saturated. We want to keep the soils moist but not underwater, to help the emergent vegetation seeds that were spread on the mud flats to germinate.
8. The DNR is asking if we would do another tree sale as part of Alliant's Operation ReLeaf. We had an interesting repair on the F150, a mouse chewed a wire off and the vehicle was stuck in park and would not start.

Motion by Christianson to approve Directors report, Seconded by Faber, Motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist report

4-Mar CS 11 Foods Class, alligator

6-Mar	NK 4 Man	Scent tracking
13-Apr	Nursing	Wolf program
14-Mar	NK 4	Dissecting
15-Apr	NK 4	Dissecting
22-Mar	ST An 6-8 NK Mam CS Ecol	Extreme weather (8) 16 programs 11 programs

40 programs

Wolf Center trip with Ecology and Mammology class.

Planned adult trip to Ely in May, wolves, bears and Sudan Mine (10 participants to date).

Schedule for the summer naturalist programs done.

Manly has hired new Bio teacher for next year

Motion by Smith to approve Naturalist report, Seconded by Sime, Motion carried.

After some discussion about the storage building bids that came in and were opened Smith moved to table the decision for a week Seconded by Faber, Motion carried.

After opening the bids for the fish habitat project on the Shellrock River Sime move to accept Charlson Excavating 's bid, Seconded by Smith, Faber abstained, Motion carried.

After going over bids for the box scraper, Sime move to purchase the box scraper from D&L Equipment, Seconded by Smith, Motion carried.

Block explained that he had made a mistake with the Naturalist Intern program, and had not applied for the state grant. We are still going to have an intern and will find money for the salary.

There was some discussion on developing a campground at Worth County Lake, and the staff will work on a plan or idea.

There was some discussion on the Board buying a camper and having the Intern be the "park host" at Kuennen's this summer and in the future.

Christianson moved to pay the following bills

1	Northwood Lumber	\$ 92.98	lumber
4	Heartland Power	\$ 74.00	electricity
7	Fallgaters	\$ 38.41	supplies
10	Visa	\$ 272.20	hotel, meals
11	City of Northwood	\$	water

		17.00	
		\$	
14	Media Com	59.95	cable
		\$	
16	Worth Co Engineer	294.04	fuel
		\$	
18	Alliant Energy	606.35	electric service
		\$	
20	Car Quest	436.10	parts
		\$	
24	Northwood Anchor	51.00	newsletter
		\$	
25	Manly Junction Signal	37.40	newsletter
		\$	
26	Dean Mueller	60.21	registration, meals
		\$	
28	Olson Trading Post	83.18	sanding belts, parts
		\$	
29	Northwood True Value	137.90	supplies
		\$	
34	Worth County Extension	35.00	pesticided training
		\$	
36	Jim Hanson	36.30	meal
		\$	
50	CNH Capital	376.11	parts
		\$	
53	Dan Block	408.88	air rifle
		\$	
54	Lawson	52.46	ear plugs, drill bit
		\$	
56	Pritchards	254.40	parts and repairs
		\$	
58	Dick's Place	75.00	towing
		\$	
59	Freeborn County Auditor	448.16	drainage
		\$	
60	Ben Medows	305.57	drip torch, smoke bandanas
		\$	
	Total	4,252.60	

Seconded by Smith, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.
Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson
Deputy Director

Jeff Vansteenburgh
President