

**Worth County Conservation Board**

**Minutes**

**December 3, 2013**

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Other board members present were; Matt Smith, Randy Sime, and Justin Faber. Employees present were Dean Mueller, Dan Block, Brett Backhaus and Jim Hanson. Others present were Amber Battani and Kurt Berner with the Samuels Group.

Sime moved to approve the December Agenda, Seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Sime moved to approve the November minutes, Seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Directors report

1. ISAC was good as usual. Good programs by our affiliate group and the ISAC staff. There was a general session on the county conservation board system that was well received.
2. The aerators are in and running.
3. The well at Kuennen's passed the annual inspection.
4. We had some training on the pictometry which was good. I used it to do the campground plan for Worth County Lake. It is a great planning tool.
5. There will be a meeting on the Silver Lake renovation on Dec. 17 at 7:00 PM at Kuennen's.
6. The wetland at Northern Prairie did not have chemical applied this fall. The state line lake renovation is scheduled for next fall now.
7. The seeding at Prestholt and Frahm properties is completed and will be sending a bill to DU.
8. The storage facility is complete. Public health is already asking if they can park their vans in our building this winter????????????????????
9. We have cleaned up several trees and brush in the park at Ochee. We still need to clean the trail going over the hill.
10. The service drive at Stimes is open now so the snowmobile trail is serviceable.
11. The next Bd mtg. falls on Jan. 2, is everyone good with that date?

Faber moved to accept the Directors report, seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist report

11/1/2013	CS Ecol	Forestry
4-Nov	CS 2	Lime Creek Trip
5-Nov	NK 6	Solar system model
7-Nov	St an	Star lab (5)
7-Nov	CS Ecol	Forestry
8-Nov	CS Ecol	Forestry
12-Nov	CS 4	Owl pellets (2)
14-Nov	NK 5	Nile River
	Manly Care	
20-Nov	Center	PPT
21-Nov	St An 7	Cell model
21-Nov	Pre School	Animal quiz
22-Nov	St An 7	Cell model
25-Nov	CS 4	Disecting (2)
26-Nov	CS KG	Corn grinding (2)
26-Nov	CS 2	Turkey Traditions (2)
27-Nov	NK 2	Turkey Traditions (2)
27-Nov	NK KG	Turkey Traditions (2)

27 programs

Also worked on Forestry Projects, clearing buckthorn at Deer Creek and marking sale at Ochee Yahola.

Started Hunter Safety in Nora Springs this week.

Sime moved to approve the Naturalist Report, Seconded by Smith, Motion carried.

Amber Battani and Kurt Berner gave a presentation and did a question and answer session on what the Samules Group has to offer for services for helping with the referendum for next fall for the new shop and office. After their presentation the two left so the Board could discuss some of the options. Smith made a motion to hire the Samuels Group for their service with helping through the referendum process, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

After some discussion on whether or not to have trout stocked at Kuennen's Quarry it was decided to stock again this winter if the supplier gets his permits. It was also stated that the fish would be put into the north pit due to the fact that the water levels are slower to fluctuate in that pit.

The board was notified of the grant that we received for the new play equipment. The board decided to have the staff do the installation with the overseeing of the playground company installation foremen.

There was discussion on a possible land acquisition along Elk Creek that the board decided to move forward with trying to secure funds for, and asked Mueller to have an option to buy contract written up.

After going through budget items this past month it was discovered that the board was never reimbursed for the Naturalist van, they asked Mueller to request for the funds.

After looking through the budget worksheet the board the board would ask for \$3,230 salary increase for Hanson, \$1,400 salary increase for Mueller, \$1,400 salary increase for Block, and a \$1,400 salary increase for Backhaus. Other numbers for the budget are still to be ironed out.

Smith moved to pay the following bills

Worth Co Engineer	\$1,474.49	fuel
Falkstone	\$719.98	rock
Randy Sime	\$702.00	refund
Olson Trading Post	\$441.98	sanding belts, parts
Alliant Energy	\$383.12	electric service
Green Canopy	\$195.00	septic pumping
Brakke Imp.	\$106.02	parts
Heartland Power	\$93.99	electricity
Eilertson Repair	\$60.00	tire
Media Com	\$59.95	cable
City of Northwood	\$17.00	water
Ver Helst Drug	\$10.97	naturalist supplies
AgVantage FS	\$3.33	fuel
Total	\$4,267.83	

Seconded by Sime, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Jim Hanson

Deputy Director

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Jeff Vansteenburgh

President