

Worth County Conservation Board

Minutes

September 4, 2014

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Other board members present were; Randy Sime, and Jeff Vansteenburgh. Employees present were Dan Block, Dean Mueller, and Jim Hanson.

Sime moved to approve Agenda, Seconded by Vansteenburgh, motion carried.

Vansteenburgh moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Directors Report

1. The contractor doing the tile breaks on the Prestholt/Frahm properties has not shown up. I hope DU does not let this one slide by like they did on the shallow water excavations.
2. All of the meetings with the city councils went smoothly. Almost no negative comments. We did a run through of the town hall presentation with the Board of Supervisors and found several items that needed to be changed. First town hall meeting will be next Tuesday here in Northwood at 7:30 PM.
3. I have asked both The Samuels Group and Bergland and Cram to have contracts ready so they can be signed at the November meeting if the referendum passes.
4. We started putting in some alternative food plots and were again rained out. Hope to be able to go hard next week.
5. AJB has not been able to start work at Silver Lake.
6. Mary Jo Wilhelm had asked for information on Silver Lake if we wanted her to look into the matter. I have not sent her anything to date.
7. Our fourth attempt at installing the playground at Worth Co. Lake will be September 15. This time it has to go, we need to be done by Nov. 15 or we lose the \$96,000 from WCDA.
8. There may be a bicycle trail meeting this fall and Jim will be notified as the Boards representative.
9. Attended a water quality public meeting put on by the DNR.
10. We are doing the bird and bat survey for Iberdrola again this fall.

Motion to approve the Directors Report by Sime, seconded by Vansteenburgh, motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist report

june 10-13	NWD	YNP Fishing (4 programs)
june 10-13	Man	YNP Black Powder (4 programs)
June 17-20	Man	YNP Fishing (4 programs)
June 17-20	NWD	YNP Black Powder (4 programs)
June 23-24	NWD	YNP Hiking (2 programs)
June 25-26	Man	YNP Hiking (2 programs)
June 31-		
July1	NWD	YNP Canoeing (2 programs)
July 2-3	Man	YNP Canoeing (2 programs)
July 7-8	NWD	YNP Boating (2 programs)
July 9-10	Man	YNP Boating (2 programs)

July 14-17	NWD	YNP Survival (4 programs)
July 14-17	Man	YNP Survival (4 programs)
July 22-25	NWD	YNP Stream Wading (4 programs)
July 22-25	Man	YNP Stream Wading (4 programs)
July 28-29	Family	Mammoth Dig
1-Aug	Family	Cave Trip
Aug 12-15	NWD	YNP Air to AR (4 programs)
Aug 12-15	Man	YNP Air to AR (4 programs)

54 programs

Summer programs were a bit reduced this year with late school out and vacation times. But still a good summer. School programs off to a good start.

New Biology Teacher in Manly. Will continue previous programming.

Motion by Vansteenburgh to approve Naturalist Report, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Board was notified that the closing on the PND property would take place around the first of October.

Sime made a motion to approve the Annual Report, Seconded by Vansteenburgh, motion carried.

After some discussion it was decided to try to have a firewood sale on the two area we had a timber sale.

Mueller stated that he would be retiring October 10th and would have a formal letter of resignation to the board in the near future for the his employee file, a special meeting will be held later this month for further discussion on the issue.

Sime moved to pay the following bills

The Samuels Group, Inc	\$7,139.33	contract payment, printing
Worth Co Engineer	\$2,167.04	fuel
Albert Lea Seed House	\$2,015.00	seed
IACCB	\$1,125.00	registration annual meeting
CNH Capital	\$826.43	parts
Alliant Energy	\$307.92	electric service
Visa	\$192.70	postage, fuel, registration dues
ISAC	\$170.00	registration
Northwood Anchor	\$153.40	notebook, add
Manly Junction Signal	\$139.00	notebook, add
Heartland Power	\$85.06	electricity
Car Quest	\$62.05	parts
Canadian Pacific Railway	\$50.00	easement
D&L Equipment	\$39.30	parts
A&I	\$32.45	tire repair
City of Northwood	\$30.00	water
State Hygeienic Lab	\$12.50	water test

Total	\$14,547.18	
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Seconded by Vansteenburgh, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson

Deputy Director

Matt Smith

President