

**Worth County Conservation Board**

**Minutes**

**May 14, 2015**

President Faber called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Other Board members present were; Jeff Vansteenburgh, Randy Sime, Matt Smith, and Troy Christiansen. Employees present were Dan Block, Brett Backhaus, and Jim Hanson.

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

Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting, Seconded by Christiansen, motion carried.

Hanson gave the Director's report.

1. Submitted our budget amendment for the new truck.
2. Cleared trails and cut brush at Ochee.
3. Started our first seasonal for the year mid-month.
4. Attended Winterfest meeting in Marshalltown. This will be our 45<sup>th</sup> year of the event.
5. Pumped water from North pit to South pit at Kuennen's this month.
6. We sent the dead eagles from the windmills to fish and wildlife.
7. We have still been working on cleaning and rearranging the shop and office.
8. Finished opening parks, the first weekend of the month was busy at Silver Lake campground, 6 groups for 2 days.
9. Met with Dave Stine
10. Reviewed insurance coverage for Auditor's office.
11. Met with Steve Chodur about access at Mueller Wildlife Area.
12. Met with Michael Strauser about our areas and common crowds associated with each, as well as talked with him about beaver bounty.
13. Working on finishing up our grant to State PF council for Mueller area.

Motion by Sime to approve the Director's report, Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist report.

4/9/2015	CS Ecol	Small Mammal Ecology
10-Apr	CS Ecol	Small Mammal Ecology
10-Apr	NK 5	Iowa Indians
13-Apr	NK 1	Ducks (2)
14-Apr	NK KG	Bears (2)
16-Apr	NK 4	Science Museum
17-Apr	St An 8	Science Fair
20-Apr	CS 3	Zoo Animals (2)
21-Apr	CS 3	Groundwater (2)
23-Apr	Nora 3	Zoo Animals (2)
27-Apr	Nora 3	Groundwater (2)
29-Apr	CS Ecol	Small Mammal Ecology

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Rearing ponds full this year, stocked with fry.

Young naturalist program nicely filled.

Smith made a motion to approve the Naturalist report, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Sime made a motion to approve the Maintenance report given by Backhaus, Seconded by Christiansen, motion carried.

There was an update on our current water status at Kuennen’s Quarry, and Dave Falk will be invited to our June meeting to discuss options for helping restore the water levels to the park. We also reviewed our contract with Falkstone to cover any other issues.

Sime made motion to pay the following bills

Farm Chem	\$5.73	sprayer parts
Austin Walk	\$6.42	.22 shells
Brett Backhaus	\$6.42	.22 shells
Jim Hanson	\$6.42	.22 shells
Truax Co., Inc	\$9.52	drill parts
State Hygeienic Lab	\$12.50	water test
A&I	\$16.48	tire repair
City of Northwood	\$30.00	Water
Floyd and Leonard	\$38.38	Parts
Olson Trading Post	\$50.97	Supplies
Northwood Lumber	\$53.83	Lumber
Ag Power	\$66.56	Parts
Northwood True Value	\$101.73	Supplies
Pritchards	\$216.09	parts and repairs
Lawson	\$292.91	drill bits,bolts, nuts, cutting wheels
Worth Co Engineer	\$363.98	Fuel
Schumacher's Nursery	\$367.25	Trees
Berge Oil	\$423.30	Fuel
Alliant Energy	\$456.38	electric service
Visa	\$526.52	postage, fuel, clothing allowance
D&L Equipment	\$563.98	hydraulic hoses
Worth County Conservation FD	\$583.53	supplies for programing
Mason City Overhead Door	\$620.00	Service at kensett shed
Car Quest	\$761.73	Parts
CID	\$2,516.20	cleaning supplies
Total	\$8,096.83	

Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Jim Hanson

Director

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Justin Faber

President