

**Iowa County Conservation Board  
Minutes of Meeting**

**January 8, 2018**

Justin Parsons called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 6:03 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

Members of the Iowa County Conservation Board present were: Justin Parsons and Marcia Wehner. Chris Montross arrived shortly after the meeting started. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson, Phil DeJarnatt, Mary Bulger, & Shelley Berger. Friends of ICCB members present were Candy Crane, Shirley Messer and Joan Robinson. John Gahring was unable to attend.

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment: None

(B) Board Comment: Wehner stated that she would like the staff to look into getting solar power to Lake Iowa Park.

Wehner moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Parsons, the motion carried unanimously.

Parsons moved to approve the bills, seconded by Wehner, the motion carried unanimously

Staff Reports: Anderson reported that he had spoken to the DNR representative of REAP and was told that she initially saw no reason to prevent a campground being installed at Gateway Park but she would look into it further. Anderson and Bulger gave a brief report of their monthly podcast. Bulger shared her work report and listed upcoming public programs. DeJarnatt gave an overview of the invasive removal that had been done with the help of staff and 2 returning seasonals. He also reported on the District 6 meeting that he and Bulger attended.

**Business:**

(A) **Friends of ICCB** Crane relayed that they had received donations from 82 people from the letter campaign that totaled \$7,400.00. Friends meeting will be held January 17, 2018. The annual banquet will be April 7, 2018. The need of additional Friends board members was discussed as well as some people who might be interested.

(B) **ICCB Properties**

1. Lake Iowa Park Invasive Removal: Anderson reported that the area that had been cleared over winter break (at the end of Dogwood Point – Sites 1-23) had not been cleared or treated since 2009. DeJarnatt detailed ICCB's plan to burn, spot treat and mow cleared invasive areas in the future.
2. Roundhouse Renovation: Anderson received one quote for electrical work from Timm Electric totaling \$5053.12. This would replace all the wiring and outlets and bring everything up to code as well as install a ceiling fan. Anderson is expecting a quote from Read Electric. In conversations with them Anderson said they suggested repairing the existing heating unit and adding new air conditioning. Anderson relayed his vision for installing futon bunkbeds and using the Round House as a bunkhouse that could still be used for parties.

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- (C) **Budget** Anderson reported that he has not heard whether the Iowa County Board of Supervisors had approved the 2018/2019 ICCB budget yet but that Budgets had been on their agenda.
- (D) **Rental Fee Structure** Anderson shared prices of rentals of area conservation boards. The board discussed the pros and cons of raising camping and shelter fees. No change will be made at this time.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday February 12, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

With no further discussion, Wehner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.; Parsons seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director  
Iowa County Conservation Board