

Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes of Meeting

February 12, 2018

Justin Parsons called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 6:04 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

Members of the Iowa County Conservation Board present were: Chris Montross, Justin Parsons, John Gahring, Rose Danaher. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson, Phil DeJarnatt, Mary Bulger. Marcia Wehner was unable to attend.

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment: None

(B) Board Comment: Gahring updated the Board on SF449 in regards to the access to Simmons

Gahring moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Parsons, the motion carried unanimously.

Gahring moved to approve the bills, seconded by Parsons, 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) **Election of Officers** Gahring motioned that officers be kept the same (Montross Chair; Parsons Vice Chair)
Motion carried

(B) **Friends of ICCB** No Friends present. Bulger reported that things were moving forward on the April 7th Fundraiser.

(C) **ICCB Properties** Anderson reported that he had left 3 messages with Tammie Krausman IADNR REAP Coordinator about transferring the Transportation Building at Gateway Park to Building Maintenance and had not heard back. Gahring suggested to send an email and to CC himself. Anderson stated he would do that in the following days.

(D) **Budget** Anderson reported that the budget had been approved and that he would be starting work on the job description for the new full time position. The position would more than likely be a Ranger Naturalist position with 2/3rds of their time doing patrol and resource management and 1/3rd doing education. The Board liked the idea of the proposed title and tasks as it would help reduce comp ours and staff work loads. Danaher asked if someone could go over the budget with her to bring her up to speed as anew Board member. Anderson he would work out dates to meet as soon as possible.

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- (E) **Residential improvements** Anderson and DeJarnatt shared a list of improvements that were needed at there residences. It was decided that these needs would be prioritized and revisited after the next round of updates were made to the campground's electrical boxes.
- (F) **Contracts for outside work not completed by staff or volunteers** Anderson expressed his intent to come up with contracts to use for work completed by non-staff members. The contracts would create accountability for ICC and those hired to do work. The Board agreed this was a good idea and were not aware of contracts being consistently used in the past.
- (G) **Vendor fees & agreements** Anderson proposed the use of flat vendor fees for people selling wares in the park during events rather than a percentage of their take. The Board agreed it was the Director's discretion to do so and so no reason not to try it.
- (H) **HLV Schools Springbrook Donation** Anderson and Bulger talked about the donation by the Board of funds to help send HLV students to a field trip near Springbrook. In the past a Naturalist from ICC went along and assisted. Anderson said he thought it was important to support Outdoor Education whenever possible, even if it is not done by our staff or in our parks.
- (I) **Grants** Anderson informed the Board that the Urban Youth Corps Grant had been sent in to the IADOT on time and it's receipt was confirmed. Anderson also said that the DOT's budget for the UYC Grant had been cut roughly in half.

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

With no further discussion, Parson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 PM and Danaher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board