

**Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes of Meeting**

June 12, 2018

Chris Montross called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 5:59 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

Members of the Iowa County Conservation Board present were: Chris Montross, Rose Danaher, Justin Parsons and Marcia Wehner. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson, Mary Bulger and Shelley Berger. Also present was Shane Phillips, Boy Scout leader. John Gahring was unable to attend.

Open Forum

- (A) Public Comment: Shane Phillips stated he would like to speak about getting water to the Scout Camp when the board discussed Iowa County Conservation properties.
- (B) Board Comment: Wehner inquired if any information had been found on getting solar power to Lake Iowa. Anderson replied that he had researched it and had information in his office he could share with her later. Wehner also inquired about getting a chair lift for the steps to the lower level of the Nature Center. The board discussed the cost of this vs. the cost of new signage directing citizens to the service road which leads to the lower level. Anderson suggested creating handicap parking spots behind the Nature Center as well. Wehner relayed concerns from the public about the beach needing harrowed and campers blowing fuses. Anderson stated the beach is regularly harrowed and campers had been plugging 50amp cords into 30 amp boxes. The staff will be labeling electric pedestals at each site to read 30 or 50 amp. Danaher relayed a complaint about the odor at the fish cleaning station.

Danaher moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Parsons, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Staff Reports: Bulger reported that summer camps had started.

Business:

- 1) **Friends of ICCB** Next meeting is Wednesday June 13th. Monies earned from the ice sales at lake Iowa Park will be given to the Friends and they will take care of the bills from Messerschmitt Ice. 18 pound bags are being sold for \$5/bag.
- 2) **ICCB Properties**
 - a) **Simmons Timber Reserve** Although many phone calls and letters have been written to Governor Reynolds it is anticipated that she will not veto Bill which has allowed Rick Gates to install a cattle guard on LL Avenue by Simmons Timber Reserve. Anderson reported that volunteers from the Marengo Equestrian Club are still willing to work at the property.
 - b) **Lake Iowa Park**
 - i) Shane Phillips stated that since Iowa County Conservation planned to hook into the water line to get water to other shelters at the park when it is installed at the Scout Camp that the scouts would like to see ICCB provide some of the money for the installation. Phillips stated that the scouts would be willing to pay half of the bill if ICCB and Friends of ICCB Foundation would each pay for a quarter of the bill. Poweshiek Water Association

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had estimated the cost would be approximately \$15,600. The board discussed this and agreed it would be money well spent.

- ii) Anderson shared that there was excitement from the public about installing equestrian trails at Lake Iowa Park where the Creepy Camping hayride had previously been held. Anderson said it would be easy to install electric camping sites there for overnight stays since there were electric lines already in that area of the park.
 - iii) Electrical rough in work is complete at the Round House. Anderson stated he had accepted a bid from Heartland Construction for the installation of drywall and knotty pine wainscoting. Heartland Construction will also repair water damaged drywall in the lower level of the Nature Center.
 - iv) Staff have finished the large rain garden between the parking lot and the Nature Center which will help with the large amount of runoff that damaged the paths and ground during rain storms in the past.
- 3) **New Ranger Naturalist Position** Anderson extended an offer of employment to Cecilia Hagen for the position of Ranger Naturalist which she accepted. Her start date will be July 9th. Aaron Sandersfeld will set up the drug test and physical before she begins.
- 4) **Budget end of fiscal year** Anderson stated there were sufficient funds remaining in the budget to make additional purchases for needed equipment.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday July 9, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

With no further discussion, Wehner moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM and Danaher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board