

**Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes of Meeting**

August 13, 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: Rose Danaher, Marcia Wehner, Justin Parsons and John Gahring. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson, Mary Bulger and Shelley Berger. Also present were Shane Phillips and Jeff Meier. Chris Montross was unable to attend.

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment: None

(B) Board Comment: Danaher reported that members of the public are very happy with the progress of getting an equestrian trail at Lake Iowa.

Danaher requested that she be listed as not present on the minutes from July 9, 2018. Wehner moved to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2018 regular meeting with that correction being added. Seconded by Danaher, the motion carried unanimously.

Gahring moved to approve the bills, seconded by Danaher, the motion carried unanimously

Staff Reports: Bulger reported that summer camps had ended. She shared that she would be taking some time off and also shared a booklet of the design concept for the exhibits in the Nature Center.

Business:

- 1) **Friends of ICCB** Next meeting is Wednesday August 16th. Their annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast is coming up on September 2nd.
- 2) **ICCB Properties**
 - a) **Scout Camp at Lake Iowa** Anderson reported that he had spoken to Todd at PWA and had been told that most of the permissions needed to proceed had been obtained. Anderson will meet with him this week to continue planning. Reseeding the new tent pads was discussed as well as the installation of park grills.
 - b) **Gateway Park**
 - i) Volunteers cleared many trees by the North Pit parking lot.
 - ii) Artist “Bubba” Sorenson has completed the Freedom Rock located near the veterans flag display. Jeff Meier has spoken to Steve Krakow about temporary landscaping around the boulder which would include low retaining wall, mulch and a perimeter chain and post system to keep the public from touching the boulder. Anti-graffiti sealer will be applied to the boulder. Meier reported that there is interest in installing an ADA sidewalk to allow people with mobility issues to view the rock. Meier also reported a large number of veteran memorial pavers that are installed by the veterans flag display being ordered since the completion of the Freedom Rock.
 - iii) UYC will trim weeds near South Pit boat ramp
 - iv) Shon Houdek Memorial Pavilion on the north side of Gateway Park was recently stained by volunteers.

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v) Meier inquired who to call to spray weeds on levy trail to Gateway

3) **Events** Pollinatorfest planning is underway. Keynote Speaker will be Bob Wolff. Invitations are being sent to vendors, presenters, and musicians.

Wehner continued the meeting after Parsons had to leave for another meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 11, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

With no further discussion, Gahring moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:11 PM and Danaher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board