

**Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes of Meeting**

September 11, 2018

Justin Parsons called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 6:01 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 Candy Crane, board member of the Friends of ICCB Foundation. Chris Montross was unable to attend.

Gahring made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Danaher, motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment: Gahring passed along a complaint from a camper who said the showers were unclean. Anderson stated that he randomly checks them and has never found a problem.

(B) Board Comment: None

Danaher moved to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Gahring, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Staff Reports: Anderson reported that after meeting with Jody Bailey, from the English River Watershed management Authority, it was decided that funds available for larger projects would be better suited for neighboring farms of Lake Iowa. There are smaller projects that would be well suited for Lake Iowa using the funds available.

Bulger reported that she had received display boards from McCullough Creative detailing the exhibits that will be installed at the Lake Iowa Nature Center. McCullough Creative will present these designs and information about cost to the Friends board this week. Bulger also stated she and Ranger Naturalist Hagen are sitting down with teachers to set the fall through spring schedule for programs and field trips.

Business:

1) **Friends of ICCB** Next meeting is Thursday September 13th where the upcoming letter drive campaign will be discussed. Candy Crane reported the annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast had a much lower attendance than prior years due to rainy weather and road construction but there were large donations which brought totals up to prior years. Board member Jeff Meier has a smart phone credit card scanner to use at Friends events.

2) **ICCB Properties**

a) **Scout Camp at Lake Iowa** Anderson reported that after PWA had looked at the site for water line installation and taken measurements they had submitted a firm estimate of the total cost. They projected it would be \$19,748.00 which is higher than the previous estimate. Anderson stated the project would hopefully be scheduled for the spring of 2019.

b) **Gateway Park**

The road that gives access to the North Pit boat ramp had been closed due to flooding but will be reopened.

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c) **Simmons Tiber Reserve** Anderson spoke to volunteers wishing to install an equestrian trail and reported they are still excited to get started even with recent setbacks to the project.

d) **Lake Iowa Park**

1. Anderson stated that he is concerned for the safety of the staff who are required to announce severe weather alerts to campers and will look into getting a grant to purchase a tornado siren that can be remotely activated either by staff or dispatch at the Iowa County Sheriff office.
2. The Round House renovation is nearing completion. Vinyl flooring and the remaining trim work will be installed as well as light fixtures and a ceiling fan.
3. Anderson reported that ICCB has two new radios that utilize the new system being used statewide. He said that they produce a very clear sound and have an extremely long range. Ranger Naturalist Hagen had called Anderson at Lake Iowa from her residence in Marengo. Anderson will order one additional radio at a cost of around \$1300.00.
4. Anderson reported that he, Ranger DeJarnatt, and Ranger Naturalist Hagen will inventory ICCB management plans such as prescribed burn plans and he will create a binder of all management plans for future reference. Anderson is also working on compiling a 5 Year Plan and an annual report for the Iowa County Board of Supervisors.

3) Events

a) Pollinatorfest Final prep work is being done by staff for the event this Saturday. Anderson listed all the vendors, speakers, and musicians who will be involved. Anderson also stated that R&S Welding had generously offered to donate 25% of all sales of their yard art at the event and through the month of September to ICCB.

b) Creepy Camping Planning for Creepy Camping to be held on October 5th & 6th will begin following Pollinatorfest.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday October 8, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

With no further discussion, Gahring moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 PM and Wehner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board