

**Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes of Meeting**

December 10, 2018

Chris Montross called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 5.33 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

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

Open Forum

- (A) **Public Comment:** None
- (B) **Board Comment:** None.

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

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

Staff Reports:

Bulger shared the paperwork detailing individual prices for Nature Center displays. Dollar amounts were higher than anticipated. Bulger stated that she will be looking for businesses or individuals to sponsor displays and she will apply for grants to help cover the cost of the displays. She also stated that we should be able to do some aspects of the displays in house to reduce costs. Bulger shared the Spring program schedule.

Business:

- 1) **Friends of ICCB** The letter drive campaign has garnered 30 donations equaling approximately \$1300 so far. Contributions are still coming in. The annual banquet will be held April 13, 2019.
- 2) **ICCB Properties**
 - a) **Lake Iowa Park**
 - i) Anderson stated he had met with ICAP insurance representative to inspect buildings, etc. at Lake Iowa Park. He received a short list of minor items to bring up to code.
 - ii) Anderson gave details of his meeting with Stacy Leatch, IDOT UYC coordinator, to go over the final reimbursement application. Anderson stated the IDOT would be reimbursing 80% of total costs compared to the 70% paid in years past. Anderson also stated that ICCB would not be reimbursed for the first week the 3 UYC crewmembers worked since it was before the IDOT had officially given the go ahead to hire though the grant had been secured earlier.
 - iii) Anderson relayed that ICCB had received a REAP grant to fund the Iowa County Pollinator, Songbird and Raptor Initiative. The project will include 7 of the 14 ICC properties. The grant totals \$12,538.00 and will cover the cost of equipment and travel expenses for volunteers. Anderson stated that Ranger Naturalist Hagen would be spending 15 hours a week on the project.
- 3) **Events**
 - a) **Lake Iowa Health and Wellness Fair**
 - i) Berger shared that after discovering the interest in holding yoga at the campground she and Ranger Naturalist Hagen approached the director about holding a day long event spotlighting area fitness venues. A tentative

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date of May 11 has been set and activities the staff hoped to include are and archery run, yoga, aerobics, and a program on essential oils.

- 4) **Budget** Anderson presented an excel spreadsheet PowerPoint detailing the changes to the 2019/2020 budget which include a one-time increase of \$40,000 to the Operating and Construction Equipment line item in order to purchase a new skid loader. Anderson stated that after he received the total increase in health insurance and IPERS he would finalize the budget and submit it to the Auditor's office by December 14th.

After reviewing the 2019/2020 budget Gahring made a motion to approve the budget as presented by Director Anderson and including the other items mentioned by Director Anderson. Seconded by Wehner, the motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday January 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

With no further discussion, Danaher moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:41 PM and Gahring seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board