

Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2018
6:00 P.M.
Lake Iowa Nature Center, Lake Iowa Park

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Montross at 6:11 PM
Members of the Iowa County Conservation Board present were: Chris Montross, Justin Parsons, John Gahring. Marcia Wehner. Rose Danaher was unable to attend. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson, Phil DeJarnatt, Mary Bulger. Friends of IACCB present were Candace Crane and Joan Robinson.
2. Open Forum
 - (A) Public Comment: No public comment
 - (B) Board Comment: Wehner stated that a park user had asked her if there were plans to lengthen any of the RV pads, add campsites, or open the east side of the lake to camping. Anderson stated that some of the pads had been lengthened last summer and that the staff would continue to do so each year as funds were available. Anderson went on to say that his plans were to get 10 or so RV campsites at Gateway Park & Preserve in Marengo before adding any more at Lake Iowa Park.
3. Approval of Minutes; Gahring motioned for the approval of the February minutes; Montross seconded; motion carried
4. Approval of Bills; Gahring moved for the approval of the bills; Montross seconded; motion carried
5. Staff Reports: Anderson reported that he had turned in the Urban Youth Corp Grant (UYC) to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT). The IADOT's budget request for the grant funding has been cut and half, and there had been multiple delays in the announcement of the distribution of grant funds. Bulger reported that she had good numbers from the previous month and was staying very busy with outreach, public programs and field trips. Bulger also told of the meeting she and Anderson had McCullough Creative out of Dubuque, IA about developing a plan for interpretive displays in the LINC. DeJarnatt reported that he had a good turn out at the previous month's ice fishing tournament and there are plans to do more tournaments in the future.
6. Business

(A) Friends of ICCB- Crane reported that the FoICCB had it's banquet coming up on April 7th and that tickets are available. The Friends were also looking for donated items for the silent and live auction. Proceeds benefit the education program for ICCB.

(B) ICCB Properties-Anderson said that he had gotten further with IADNR REAP Coordinator on transferring the building at Gateway over to IA Co. Building Maint. Also a meeting has been set up to talk with Marengo city officials about the possibility of getting future campsites on City water & sewer. Finally contacts have been made with a handful of volunteer organizations to help develop and maintain mountain bike trails at Big Bend and equestrian trails at Simmons.

(C) Grants: Anderson talked about plans to go for grants and what each grant was going to be for.

1. CFNEIA- The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa grant will be written for kayaks that will be used for aquatic education.

2. REAP-CEP-The Resource Enhancement and Protection-Conservation Education Program grant and the Iowa Ornithologist Union grant will be written to get resources and equipment to start a volunteer program that will gather scientific data on plant, bird and pollinator species. This information will be used to test the efficacy of management decisions for the 14 properties managed by ICCB

3. Ornithologist- See above

(D) Employee Handbook Addendum and Memorandum

Anderson introduced an Iowa County Employee Handbook Addendum that he has put together for ICC. The policies in the Handbook Addendum cover topics that are peculiar to ICC and the work that the staff does. In addition to the Handbook Addendum Anderson discussed his plans to use Memorandum to establish pro tem policies that will be added to the Addendum annually. The Handbook Addendum will be brought to the Board for final approval when it is complete.

7. Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 9th at 6:00 PM

8. Adjournment

Wehner moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:21 PM, Gahring seconded; motion carried