

**Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes of Meeting**

October 8, 2018

Chris Montross 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: Chris Montross, Rose Danaher, Marcia Wehner, Justin Parsons and John Gahring. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson and Shelley Berger.

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment: None

(B) Board Comment: None

Danaher moved to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Gahring, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Staff Reports: No discussion on reports.

Business:

1) **Friends of ICCB** Next meeting is Thursday October 18th. Displays and costs will be discussed.

2) **ICCB Properties**

a) **Gateway Park**

i) Delivery of fish is postponed until 10-20-18.

ii) The dedication of the Freedom Rock will take place on Veterans Day, November 11th.

b) **Gunderson Wildlife Area**

i) Kenny Fleming and his wife will begin volunteering at Gunderson and plan to care for the trails, campsites, & outhouses.

ii) Anderson stated that he had been informed that core samples had been done of the pond area before excavation had started and large amounts of clay had been found. Anderson stated the pond was probably slow to fill due to the lack of run off it received from the surrounding area but that recent rainfalls had raised water levels.

c) **Fuller Addition – English River Wildlife Area** Anderson met with WCCB Director Steve Anderson and Pie Reighard for a tour of the wildlife area and to see Steve's management plan of the area.

d) **Lake Iowa Park**

i) 19 hunters are registered for the Lake Iowa Park hunt. A new Google Drive spreadsheet has been created to register deer taken at the park.

ii) Beth Boyle is ready to start clearing the Lake Iowa Equestrian Trail. A date needs to be set for volunteers to meet.

iii) Fish will be stocked at Lake Iowa on 10-13-18.

Anderson, DeJarnatt, and Hagen will tour ICCB properties and create a management plan.

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3) Events

a) Pollinatorfest This new event was well attended in the morning but heat and a University of Iowa home football game created a drop in attendance in the afternoon. The 2019 Pollinatorfest is scheduled for September 1st.

b) Creepy Camping Rain cancelled 2 planned activities, the 4-H pumpkin rolling contest and the dummy board tournament, but the new Escape Rooms were very well liked. An additional night is planned for the 10 & up escape room in 2019. Anderson stated that he had been approached to put on an escape room at the Iowa County Fair. The Escape Rooms replaced the Haunted Hayride and took considerably less time to set up and only a handful of volunteers compared to the 70-100 needed for the hayride. Anderson is considering asking more volunteer groups to provide activities which could be used as fundraisers. The 2019 Creepy Camping will be September 27th and 28th.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday November 12, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

With no further discussion, Gahring moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 PM and Wehner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board