

Iowa County Conservation Board

Minutes of Meeting

June 10, 2019

Marcia Wehner called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 6:04 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

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

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment: None

(B) Board Comment: None

Parsons moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Montross, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Montross made a motion to authorize Director Anderson to make additional expenditures before the end of fiscal year 2018/2019 as long as expenses did not exceed \$10,000. Wehner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports: Anderson detailed pumping Gateway and wind turbine projects planned in Iowa County. He also shared details of a phone conversation with a representative of a group that is opposed to the wind turbines. The group had requested a record of donations in 2018 because they suspected ICCB was receiving monies from the wind turbine company. When Anderson spoke with Maas and offered to provide records for 5 years Maas declined saying the verbal offer was enough. Bulger gave an update on summer camps and programs with other groups such as KIND care. She detailed donations for Nature Center displays and stated she hoped installation would begin during the summer or fall.

Business:

(A) **Friends of ICCB** Friends have earmarked \$40,000 for displays in the Nature Center. 1-2 new members will be joining the board. There will be no summer meetings.

(B) **ICCB Properties**

- a. Anderson stated that he would like to install a tornado siren at Lake Iowa Park so that he or the rangers did not need to go to each individual camper to advise them of severe weather. Anderson is looking into grants that may help with the cost which ranges from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Board members discussed purchasing a used siren from local communities that had recently upgraded or purchasing a smaller warning siren or loud speaker.
- b. Anderson relayed that barricades at Gateway Park that had been set up during recent flooding had been removed after complaints had been received from the public. After they were removed it was discovered that tools had been stolen from the truck that had been used to help pump water from the south pit at Gateway.
- c. Anderson stated that he hoped to install a key lock box at the Scout Camp but will contact scout groups that donated money for the construction of the building.

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(C) **Events** Berger shared that 233 children had been preregistered for the Outdoor Adventure. She explained that an additional online sign up sheet was created for late registrations to reduce the amount of paperwork and time needed to process walk ins on the morning of the event. She reported that 28 children had been registered using this registration.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday July 8, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

With no further discussion, Montross moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:49 PM and Parsons seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board