

Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes of Meeting
July 8, 2019

Marcia Wehner called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 6:03 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 and Cecilia Hagen. Shane Phillips and Rose Danaher were unable to attend.

Open Forum

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

Montross moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Parsons, the motion carried unanimously.

Parsons moved to approve the bills, seconded by Montross, the motion carried unanimously. There was discussion about why the geothermal was so expensive. Rabe said we should have had a residential unit put in instead of an industrial unit.

Staff Reports: Anderson talked about Outdoor adventure prep and success. Hagen talked about Spring programming and coming Summer programs.

Business:

- (A) **Friends of ICCB** Mary Bulger met with Cargill about sponsoring displays for the nature center. We are still waiting to here what they would like to sponsor.
- (B) **ICCB Properties**
 - 1) Drainage pipe for south pit at Gateway Park- Anderson and Parsons walked around the road ditch to discuss putting in a pipe that would drain the South pit. Anderson placed calls with the NRCS to design a project and Kate Timmerman responded by putting Rob Sproat in charge of the project. The county engineer would work on the project more when he was back from vacation. The engineer did not like that the drainage would go into the road ditch back towards town.
 - 2) Equestrian Trail at Lake Iowa- Hagen talked about the opening day ride for the equestrian trail. The event is getting a lot of interest on Facebook. Hagen will be leading the ride and giving a short presentation afterwards about what needs to be done and how people can help. Talked about the potential equestrian campground at the "Creeping Camping Loop"
- (C) Events- Numbers were up for Outdoor Adventure. Having registration at the nature center was great. The event went well even with fewer volunteers. Pollinatorfest is the next big event. Planning is underway. Two nuke hives have been purchased to be placed in the nature center observation hive. These queens are from Iowa so hopes are high that they will be able to survive winter and be hardy.

- (D) Law enforcement academy- Anderson has been considering sending one of the rangers or himself to the academy so someone on staff has more experience should something happen that requires law enforcement. This is still in the early stages of consideration. The board will have to consider the cost and if it is worth it to send someone.
- (E) New skid steer- Anderson had the new skid steer out front for members to look at. He discussed safety features and the new abilities we will have with more and better equipment.
- (F) Annual Review for Director- This was postponed until more members of the board could be there to give a review. Anderson mentioned that he had been doing staff reviews and has been reviewed by two staff members at that point. His review date will be set with a follow up email to find a date that works for everyone.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled via email from Anderson for a date in August 2019.

With no further discussion, Montross moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 PM and Parsons seconded. The motion carried unanimously.