

Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 13th, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Lake Iowa Park Park/ Virtual Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to order- Rose Danaher called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M., ICCB Members present: Becky Birch, Chris Montross, and Rose Danaher. Shane Phillips was present virtually
Staff Present: Chris Anderson and Cecilia Dirks
Public present- Olivia Schnebbe, Baxter Koons, Andrew Roberts, Cara Roberts, Leslie Schnebbe, and Bill Koons from the Williamsburg Four Leaf Clovers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Forum-
 - (A) Public Comment- Williamsburg Four Leaf Clovers fund raising presentation: Olivia Schnebbe and Baxter Koons pitched their plan to collect and redeem cans from LIP. The plan includes setting up a dog pen style cage for people to drop the cans off and they will be collecting around the park. 4-Her's will check the cage every two weeks and after holiday weekends. Anderson said his daughters will keep an eye on the cage and let the group know if it is full. The board agreed this is a great plan and decided to leave it up to the director's discretion.
 - (B) Board Comments- Birch has been reading the handbook, full history of the ICCB, water quality reports, and the florist inventory. She wanted to know our mission statement/ objective, what our water monitoring was like, and she had ideas for taking some legislative action. She wanted to focus on water quality and use the water sampling results to inform a state legislator of what is going on in Iowa water by inviting them to a board meeting. Danaher suggested getting ideas together for topics to talk about and approaching state legislators after the session has ended.

Danaher said water monitoring is expensive and can be difficult to set up. She suggested looking into the old IWATER program to see what they had revamped it to. Any monitoring we decide to do is good information, but it is expensive to send through a certified lab. Talked about bacteria sampling at the beach. There is money available for nitrate reduction practices.

Anderson is in contact with Joe Dixon who has applied for a grant to help with LIP watershed water quality. The grant will be \$100,000 a year.

Montross stated we have started the process to create a mission statement and 5 year plan. Anderson said he would send out what we have so far.

Montross wanted an update on Firewood bids. Anderson reported no responses from advertising so far. He plans to advertise one more time and if still no response he will be reaching out to individuals.

Birch wanted to know about the Gateway survey and if there will be a report made. Anderson had no plans for a report, but it could be made up. The board decided no need. Anderson plans to keep moving forward with the Gateway campground and hold off on the swim beach.

4. Approval of Minutes- Motion by Montross was seconded by Birch. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Bills-

Montross mentioned he gets dust control from Binns & Stevens Explosives Inc for a good price, Anderson said he would look into it.

Motion by Montross seconded by Birch. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Outlook Tasks & Staff Monthly Review

Anderson is very happy with the new outlook system. The board read the monthly reviews with no questions.

7. Business

(A) Friends of ICCB- no plans for a meeting, there has been talk of a potential fall event.

(B) ICCB Properties- ICCB officer elections were pushed back to the next meeting so all can be in attendance, Wednesday nights work well for board members. Montross motioned to postpone, and Birch seconded.

Rules and regulations updates: Anderson met with Ben Gray who had suggestions for changing ICC rules to make them more enforceable at Gateway. Changes involved 8.1, 9.2, and 15.1
Montross made the motion to approve, Birch seconded.

(C) Events- May is filling up with school trips. Dirks has a program on Saturday partnering with Amana. Summer camps are going live.

Cecilia Dirks announced she had accepted a position with Benton County Conservation and her last day will be May 3rd, 2021. She thanked the board for the time she had worked for ICC.

8. Scheduling of Next Meeting- May 12th, 2021 at 6:30 pm Nature Center basement.

9. Adjournment- Motioned by Montross and seconded by Birch the meeting ended at 7:45 P.M.