

Iowa County Conservation Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 12, 2019

Rose Danaher called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 5:58 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

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

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment: None

(B) Board Comment: None

Wehner moved to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Parsons, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Staff Reports: Anderson gave a short Creepy Camping update for Danaher who had been unable to attend. Anderson also relayed information about 15 acres of land that will be available for purchase by Washington County Conservation near the English River Wildlife Area. Anderson stated that 9 deer had been harvested at Lake Iowa Park.

**Business:**

(A) **Friends of ICCB** Anderson stated that the annual letter drive will take place this evening, November 12th. The apple cider pressing program had a great turnout. Funds for Gateway Park that had been in the Friends account are being transferred to ICCB and put in a newly created Gateway Park line item.

(B) **ICCB Properties**

- 1) Ash trees destroyed by Emerald Ash Borer have been flagged for removal at Lake Iowa. There are too many for the staff to remove. Discussion was had about possible ways to have them removed such as inviting the public to cut up and remove the trees for firewood or hiring a tree removal company. TIP REC will drop trees that are close to power lines in the campground.
- 2) Anderson listed the fruit-bearing, nut-bearing or pollinator trees and shrubs he plans to plant to replace the Ash trees. All will be native Iowa trees and shrubs. He plans to propagate saplings in an air pruning bed or grow them from nuts. Other sources have offered to donate saplings from existing timber.
- 3) Anderson shared plans to plant native prairie and trees at Gunderson Wildlife Area.

(C) **Events** No events are planned for the rest of 2019. Dates still need to be set for 2020 events.

(D) **Rules and Regulations**

- a. Anderson reviewed proposed changes to ICCB Rules and Regulations concerning tree stands (6.3). Wording would be included to state when tree stands would be removed by staff if owners failed to remove them by the proposed date. He proposed it read as: *Blinds and tree Stands – It shall be unlawful to place or construct permanent blinds or tree stands*

*on designated hunting areas. Portable tree stands and blinds may be left on designated hunting areas seven days prior to the start of a deer or turkey season until seven days after the final day of that respective season. Any portable tree stands or blinds left on designated hunting areas seven days after the final day of that respective season will be removed and disposed of. It is unlawful to drive or otherwise place any nail, spike, pin or any other object, metal or otherwise, into any tree on a designated hunting area.*

- b. Anderson reviewed proposed changes to the ICCB Rules and Regulations concerning minimum length limits of fish caught at Gateway Park and Preserve. (17.2) He proposed it read as: *Gateway South Pit Minimum Length Limits Yellow Perch, 10" Minimum; Walleye, 16" Minimum; Bass, 15" Minimum.*
- c. Anderson also suggested making the Hometown Current newspaper the official publication of the ICCB Rules and Regulations.
- d. Parsons made a motion to make the changes concerning the use of deer stands or blinds, the length of Perch, Walleye and Bass caught at Gateway Park and Preserve, and the official publication of the ICCB rules and Regulations as detailed by Director Anderson. Seconded by Wehner, the motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for December 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

With no further discussion, Montross moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 PM and Wehner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director  
Iowa County Conservation Board