

Iowa County Conservation Board

Minutes of Meeting

May 13, 2019

Shane Phillips 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, Shane Phillips, Rose Danaher and Justin Parsons. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson, Shelley Berger and Mary Bulger. Candy Crane from Friends of ICCB Foundation was present.

Open Forum

- (A) Public Comment: Candy Crane noted that the Master Gardeners had workdays at Lake Iowa and Gateway Park but more were needed.
- (B) Board Comment: The board discussed wind turbines planned for Iowa County and how ICCB would stand on their construction amongst public criticism of the project.

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

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

Staff Reports: Bulger gave an update on summer camps and the return of 2018 naturalist intern Emma Edelen. She shared that a Workplace Learning intern will be doing a pollinator study at the lake.

Business:

- (A) **Friends of ICCB** Friends are looking at costs of displays for Nature Center before deciding which to sponsor. A memorial Wildfire Black Gum tree will be planted for former president Diana DeMeyer. Susan Daufeldt of Conroy and Maria Koschmeder are new members.
- (B) **ICCB Properties**
 - a. Anderson relayed that a man who had been hunting morel mushrooms had suffered a fatal heart attack at the beach parking of Lake Iowa on May 12th. DNR officer Brad Baker was at the lake at the time and performed CPR on the man until EMT's arrived.
 - b. Volunteers helped reset the boat dock and clear trees at Gateway Park.
 - c. Ranger DeJarnatt and Ranger/Naturalist Hagen were awarded a grant from Iowa Native Plant Society to ascertain whether portions of Lake Iowa park are remnant prairie. They will work with botanist Tom Rossburg.
 - d. The board discussed the idea of holding a fundraiser to replace the Ash trees damaged by Emerald Ash Borer. The public would be allowed to choose a tree to be planted in the park in memory of a loved one. A map of the trees would show where memorial trees had been planted.
 - e. Anderson stated that staff would be clearing the right of way to the Scout Camp for the water line to be installed by Poweshiek Water Association.

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- (C) **Events** Berger shared that 58 people attended the 1st annual Lake Iowa Health & Wellness Fair on May 11th. She stated that numbers were lower than expected due to cold and rainy weather. Plans are proceeding for the 6th annual Iowa County Outdoor Adventure.
- (D) **Seasonal Employees** Steve and Sherry Porter have been hired as Campground Hosts. They have experience working at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. 4 former seasonal employees are returning this summer. They are Emma Edelen, Dakota Cooling, Dakota Huber, Anthony Ward, and Eli Berger.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday June 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

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

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board