

Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes of Meeting
September 9, 2019

Shane Phillips called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 6:00 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 and Phil DeJarnatt.

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment: None

(B) Board Comment: Wehner asked if we could limit the use of plastic at Outdoor Adventure. She discussed the use of plastic after viewing a documentary called Island of Plastic. She was told that we already use reusable plastic bottles to prevent waste. Wehner also discussed future plans to allow swimming at Gateway Park after having spoke to Iowa County Supervisor John Gahrng about plans to install a beach there. Director Anderson stated he had spoken to Gahrng and added that the water quality was good. He also stated that ICCb would be responsible for putting up a light and increase patrols. The City of Marengo has discussed closing the city pool and could potentially provide lifeguards for the beach. The question of liability issues was brought forward. Danaher is in favor of the idea and proposed fencing in the area.

Montross moved to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Danaher, the motion carried unanimously.

After discussing the cost of hiring bands for Pollinatorfest Wehner moved to approve the bills, seconded by Danaher, the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports: Danaher asked about an angry citizen from Amana who thought someone had sprayed her trees. The citizen had contacted Iowa State Extension, ICCB, Brad Baker from Iowa DNR, and Mark Vitosh from IDALS.

Business:

(A) **Friends of ICCB** Anderson stated that the next Friends meeting would be September 12th.

(B) **ICCB Properties**

- 1) The swimming beach proposed for Gateway Park was discussed. The mower used at Gateway continues to have problems and will be taken to Shaull's Repair in Ladora.
- 2) Updates to the Scout Camp were discussed. Poweshiek Water Association has installed pipe to bring water to the Scout Camp. A hydrant still needs to be installed. Anderson is getting bids for installation. Payment for the water service will be paid by the Friends of Iowa County Conservation Foundation (\$4000), Williamsburg Cub Scouts (\$5000) Williamsburg Boy Scouts (\$5000) and ICCB (\$6306.75).

Danaher made a motion to pay up to \$6500 for the Lake Iowa Scout Camp water project. Seconded by Parsons, the motion carried unanimously.

Wehner asked if plans were still being made to extend water to the shelters. Anderson replied that they were. Danaher mentioned putting a fence around the horse trough on the equestrian trail when water was installed there.

(C) Events-

Pollinatorfest recap

- i. Anderson relayed the difficulty in finding vendors this year. The four present were R&S Welding, Monarchs of Eastern Iowa, the Monarch Research Project, and local artist Layla Hagen.
- ii. \$200 was donated by R&S Welding from their sales.
- iii. Anderson stated his plan to invite 3 bands next year and to have a volunteer run the sound equipment.
- iv. Danaher inquired whether 10% of sales from The Boxed Lunch food truck, which was also present, were donated. Anderson replied that they were not.
- v. Parsons inquired whether vendors were limited to the sale of honey and pollinator related products. Anderson replied that he was trying to keep everything pollinator related.
- vi. Danaher stated that Pheasants Forever might sell plugs of forbs and flowers next year.
- vii. Discussion on involving the Iowa County Archers was had and Anderson relayed his desire to have someone educate on edibles in nature.

Creepy Camping Prep

- (i) Adult escape room upstairs will have an Area 51 theme
- (ii) Kids escape room downstairs will have a poachers theme with an egg hidden in plain sight
- (iii) 4 Leaf Clovers 4-H will host a pumpkin rolling contest
- (iv) Marengo Haunted Barn will host a viewing of Rock Horror Picture Show

(D) Wind Turbines in Iowa County

- a. Montross stated that he had been contacted by the public on ICCB's stance on turbines to be erected in Iowa County.
- b. Danaher made a motion to table discussion on wind turbines in Iowa County to look for more imperial data. Seconded by Parsons, the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for October 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 8:00 PM and Wehner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Chris Anderson, Executive Director
Iowa County Conservation Board