

**Iowa County Conservation Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 9th, 2021**  
**6:30pm**  
**LINC Library, Lake Iowa Park**

1. Shane Phillips called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 6:33pm at the Lake Iowa Nature Center.

Members of the Iowa County Conservation Board present were: Justin Parsons, Chris Montross, Becky Birch and Shane Phillips. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson and Mary Bulger.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Forum
  - (A) Public Comment: no public comments
  - (B) Board Comment: no board comments
4. Motion by Parsons to approve the August meeting minutes, second by Montross, all in favor, meeting minutes approved.
5. Motion to approve payment of the bills by Birch, seconded by Parsons, all in favor, payment of the bills approved.
6. Anderson asked the board for any explanation or clarifications about the staff task tracking. Bulger shared about her month of November busy with in school programs and a work training.
7. Business
  - (A) Friends of ICCB: Bulger commented the FICCF board would not have a December meeting and have received \$7245 in donations thus far for the letter donation drive.
  - (B) ICCB 2022-23 Budget Proposal: Anderson presented to the board the 2022-23 budget proposal with all supporting documents for a total of \$747,219. He noted he is still waiting for the REAP amount, which is normally around \$11,300. The board discussed the proposal. Parsons made the motion to approve the 2022-23 budget proposal with the addition of the REAP amount when it is received, seconded by Montross, all in favor, motion approved.

(C) ICCB Properties

- a. Lake Iowa Park
  - i. Snowplow updates: Anderson presented the snowplow quotes to the board members, the board discussed what would be the best option for ICCB. Montross made a motion to approve \$5000 for Anderson to spend on a snowplow that would work best, seconded by Birch, all in favor motion approved.
  - ii. Watershed Project: Anderson informed the board that the LIP watershed project has begun this week, and many trees have bn removed as well as some of the ground has been smoothed out.
- b. Gateway Park and Preserve
  - i. Trail update – Anderson updated the board about his investigation with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding bike trail at Gateway. They infomed him that they do not need to be contacted or get permission for tails maintenance if it will not involve any materials going into the actual levee.
  - ii. Triathlon: Anderson explained to the board about a possible triathlon that will take place at Gateway park in the fall of 2022. He said it would involve swimming around the lake, biking to the Amanas, and running around the city of Marengo. The sheriff’s office and other community partners would provide support for the event.

(D) ICCB Staffing:

- a. Ranger to the ILEA discussion: Anderson has had discussions with the two ranger staff about attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA), and wanted input from the board. The board members discussed it, and it was decided other training options would be researched and pursued for now.
8. Scheduling of Next Meeting 6:30pm January 13th, 2022.
  9. Motion to adjournment at 7:42 made by Montross, seconded by Parsons.