

Iowa County Conservation Board

Minutes of Meeting

December 14, 2020

Shane Phillips called the regular meeting of the Iowa County Conservation Board to order at 6:38 P.M. via Google Meet.

Members of the Iowa County Conservation Board present virtually or in person were: Shane Phillips, Chris Montross, Marcia Wehner, Rose Danaher and Justin Parsons. ICC Staff present were Chris Anderson and Shelley Berger. Also attending were John Hinshaw, Morrie Denson and Cameron Miles, representing the Marengo American Legion. Also present was Pat Akerman.

Open Forum

(A) Public Comment:

- a. Representatives of the Marengo American Legion approached the board about attaining 2-3 acres of land at the Gateway Park and Preserve property for the purpose of building a new lodge. This was a preliminary presentation to see if the board would be open to the idea. Maps were presented to show the approximate location desired and additional information on possible ways to attain the property was discussed. Director Anderson will contact the DNR about mitigation requirements since the park was purchased with REAP money.
- b. Pat Akerman asked questions to follow up with requests from a previous board meeting. Director Anderson answered all concerns to Mr. Akerman's satisfaction.

(B) Board Comment: Danaher requested a written summary from the Marengo American Legion with maps showing the proposed sites of the lodge and a possible campground in the planning stages for Gateway Park.

Wehner moved to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2020 regular meeting. Seconded by Montross, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Task Tracking discussion: Director Anderson gave highlights of projects in November. Danaher requested that each month staff members submit a 3-sentence recap of how the month went.

Business:

(A) Friends of ICCB: nothing new

(B) ICCB Properties

1. 2021/2022 Budget

- a. Director Anderson discussed changes from the 2020/2021 budget reflected in the spreadsheet sent to board members for 21/22. Operating and Construction Equipment will be increased to allow for the purchase of items such as a new truck, mower, and UTV.
- b. Parsons made a motion to accept and submit the 2021/2022 Budget as presented by Director Anderson to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors allowing for changes in insurance rates which had not been received to date. Seconded by Wehner, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Firewood Concessions at Lake Iowa

- a. The board reviewed 3 options presented by Director Anderson for the sale of firewood by a public vendor at Lake Iowa.
- b. Director Anderson will create a press release stating that ICC is seeking a firewood vendor and ask that they submit a proposal for sharing profits with ICCB with their application.

(C) Events: No in-person events are planned due to Covid19 but Naturalist Bulger continues to post online videos.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for January 12th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Lake Iowa Nature Center with a virtual option available.

With no further discussion, Wehner shared that she would be retiring from the Iowa County Conservation Board effective immediately and moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 PM. Montross seconded the motion and the board thanked Marcia for her 17 years of service. The motion carried unanimously.