

Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2021
6:30 P.M.
Shelter 1A, Lake Iowa Park

Attendance: Chris Anderson, Rose Danaher, Becky Birch, Chris Montross, Justin Parsons

1. Call to Order 6:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Forum
 - (A) Public Comment - None
 - (B) Board Comment – Birch wants to reach out to legislators to share the park and statistics about how the park serves the public. She will reach out to legislators and coordinate a date with Chris Anderson. Montross asked if catfish had been stocked in the past couple of years, Anderson said no.
4. Approval of Minutes – Parsons moved to approve May’s minutes, Birch seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of Bills – Anderson updated the board on the plans for equipment upgrades next fiscal year. Birch moved to approve the bills, Parson seconded. Motion passes.
6. Tasks Report and Staff Updates – Anderson reviewed the task tracker with the board.
7. Business
 - (A) Friends of ICCB – No Update
 - (B) ICCB Properties
 - a. Gateway: Boat dock at South Pit concrete poured and dock cabled. No word from Kinzenbaw yet.

Board discussed porous soils at site, water level will fluctuate with river level. Anderson thought a hinged ramp might work.
 - b. Lake Iowa Park: Beach open, Interviews set up for Ranger Naturalist position starting Monday, June 14. Approval of English River Watershed agreement. Update on recent issues in campground.

Parsons mentioned that the latrine doors need to be replaced, Anderson is working on a solution. The board has not received the English River Watershed Maintenance agreement or project agreement for approval. Anderson updated the board on some issues in the campground over the weekend including speeding, arrests, parking on the beach, and aggressive dogs which resulted in some campers being barred from the campground.

An individual was charged with enticing a minor after an incident near the beach. Parsons suggested adding security cameras to park entrance to track visitors.

- c. Gunderson: New prairie seeding done.
- d. Schlesselman & Lake Iowa- Roher Bros Fertilizer of Victor would like to dredge the ballast pit at Schlesselman (west end) and to harvest black dirt piles from east of Lake Iowa silt pond.

The board agreed that it would be advantageous to wildlife habitat to remove the sediment. Anderson will look into whether there are any restrictions with the Schlesselman property and present to the board next month.

- e. Big Bend: Entrance road needs attention. Setting up a meeting with County Engineer to get suggestions.

Anderson suggested closing the road, the board thought it might be controversial and suggested a public meeting to make a decision.

(C) Events

- a. Summer Camps started

Marengo camps have been popular, Montross and Anderson suggested doing some in Williamsburg and North English.

- b. Airstream Group in Sites 1-10

- c. Iowa County Outdoor Adventure

Will be held July 24th, more information to follow.

8. Scheduling of Next Meeting

July 14th 6:30

9. Adjournment

Parsons made a motion to adjourn 8:02. Meeting adjourned.