

Iowa County Conservation Board
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Hybrid Meeting Nature Center or via the Link Below

<https://meet.google.com/xbz-emfe-mba>

Attendance: *Board Members Present* Rose Danaher (acting chair), Chris Montross, Becky Birch, Justin Parsons (attended virtually). *Board Members Absent* Shane Phillips. *Staff Present* Chris Anderson

1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order by Danaher at 6:32 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Forum

(A)Public Comment-None

(B)Board Comment- Rose and Becky asked about the survey conducted on Facebook for Gateway. Chris updated the board on the results and said he would share the sign-in and password so the Board could view them.

Chris Montross shared pictures of a fish kill at Gateway N. pit. Anderson stated that fish kills were common in bodies of water like the North Pit at gateway because they are relatively shallow and lack oxygen during the winter months.

Becky asked about timeline for campground at Gateway. Anderson said that the planning was still in the early phase. No campground is guaranteed as yet. Once bids come in the Board will need to decide if they want to proceed with a campground or spend funds at Gateway some other way.

4. Approval of Minutes- Parsons moved to accept the minutes and Montross seconded. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Bills- Montross moved to approve the payment of bills and Birch seconded. Motion Carried.
6. Task Tracking & Staff Monthly Review- Anderson stated that further issues had kept him from updating the Task Tracking Excel spreadsheet he had created. He had found the problem to be that the file was saving in “compatibility mode” but he was not sure why. Anderson also stated he was looking for alternative ways to empirically track productivity.

7. Business

(B) Friends of ICCB-No update

(C) ICCB Properties- ICCB Officer elections- Chair, Co-chair, Secretary Montross moved that the election be delayed until the April meeting; Update English River Watershed mtg w/Rose & Chris. Danaher and Anderson shared what they had learned from a meeting with engineers and staff with the English River Watershed.

(D) Events- Public Programs- Anderson updated the Board on efforts by the education staff to introduce new program series called Outdoor Skills Passports, School of the Wild and ISU Outdoor Adventure. Anderson also commended Mary Bulger for her continued efforts to keep offering programming to the public and schools during a pandemic.

8. Scheduling of Next Meeting April 13th at Nature Center Library

9. Adjournment- Montross moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM, Birch seconded.