

Iowa County Conservation Board  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

**Shelter 1A, Lake Iowa Park**

**Board in attendance: Shane Phillips, Justin Parsons, Marcia Wehner, Chris Montross in person, Rose Danaher via speaker phone. Staff in attendance: Chris Anderson**

1. Shane Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM
2. Open Forum
  - (A) Public Comment- Anderson read an email from a Iowa County citizen that had concerns about the upkeep of the park. Anderson stated that some of the complaints were valid and that the issues had been remedied. Many of the complaints were in regards to tidying up that parks require each spring and were scheduled to happen (and were completed prior to the Board meeting) when the seasonals started. In the past a lot of the task have been completed by volunteers but the situation with Covid 19 had prevented that. The Board stated that they thought the staff were doing an exceptional job and Danaher shared a text message she had gotten from someone using the equestrian trail at Lake Iowa over the weekend.
  - (B) Board Comment-Wehner said that she had someone ask her if there ever might be mountain biking trails at Lake Iowa. Anderson stated that he would like to add mountain bike trails to Lake Iowa
3. Approval of Minutes-Wehner moved to accept the April minutes, Parson seconded, motion carried
4. Approval of Bills-Danaher moved to approve the April claims and Montross seconded, motion carried
5. Staff Reports-Anderson asked if any clarification was required, none needed
6. Business
  - (A) Friends of ICCB- No updates
  - (B) ICCB Properties
    - a. Gateway: rock at driveway at North Pit parson moved marcia second to go with lowest bid- Anderson stated he had reached out for six quotes but only two haulers had gotten back to him that they would get him quotes. As of the meeting no quotes had been received. Discussion was held as to how to move forward. Wehner moved that Anderson should move forward with the lowest cost quote that came in, Parsons seconded, motion carried.

- b. Trees at Lake Iowa planted 200 trees- Anderson stated that park staff and volunteers (Madilynne & Lucy Anderson) had planted 200 trees received from the Iowa State Nursery in the Park.
- c. 28E Agreement with City of Marengo for Gateway- Anderson stated that the 28E agreement between ICCB and the City of Marengo was set to expire this year. He asked if there were any changes that the Board wished to see. No changes were requested.

(C) Events

- a. Iowa County Outdoor Adventure- Anderson said would be virtual, listed ideas for videos and a kit that would be made available for pick-up with the help of the Iowa County Pheasants Forever.

(D) COVID 19

- a. Camping and cabins- Anderson stated that the Governor's decision to open campgrounds early had caught him by surprise. He commended the permanent and seasonal staff for their efforts in getting the campground ready for camping. At the time of the meeting the showers & cabins were still closed until May 15<sup>th</sup> at the earliest.
- b. Programs and camps- Anderson stated that Bulger and her seasonal were working together to develop programs that could be done virtually, or with safe social distancing guidelines.

- (E) Seasonals and Camp hosts- Anderson updated the Board that all but one of the seasonals had started and that the last one would be starting the following Monday. Anderson said he was very pleased with the work he had seen from the new seasonals and was looking forward to seeing what all they could accomplish this summer.

7. Scheduling of Next Meeting- The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 2020 at Shelter 1A at Lake Iowa Park

7. Adjournment Wehner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM and Montross seconded.