

Iowa County Conservation Board  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday December 8, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

**Lake Iowa Nature Center, Lake Iowa Park**

*Attend meeting virtually at the link below*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84175527971>

Attendance: Board Members; Chris Montross, Becky Birch, Rose Danaher, Shane Phillips, Justin Parsons  
~ Staff; Chris Anderson, Elizabeth Capron

1. Call to Order 6:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Forum
  - (A) Public Comment - None
  - (B) Board Comment – Phillips says lakeside trail looks great, very pleased with access north of beach. Parsons informs the board of persons living at Fuller.
4. Approval of Minutes – Danaher moves to accept the minutes. Seconded by Montross. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Bills – Danaher moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Parsons. Motion carried, including approval or reimbursing Brett Carney for tire damage and preapproval of the T Mobile bill still yet to come in.
6. Staff Updates – Birch inquired about the mushroom cultivation program and where Capron learned about the technique.
7. Business
  - (A) Friends of ICCB
    - a. No meetings until after the holidays.
  - (B) ICCB Properties
    - a. Gateway Anderson states that creating a budget for gateway campground would include a 110k increase to the usual 3k allotted, bringing the budget up to 113,000. This would cover most of the groundwork for the new campground including plumbing, dirt work, and water. Montross states interest in opposing due to the continuing costs for the years to come for all equipment, staff and other start up requirements. Montross states currently it seems fiscally impractical. Danaher recommended increasing the request for the Gateway campground by 20% over the rough estimate to be safe. Parsons recommends bringing up continuing costs that will affect the future budgets as well. Anderson states that the water and trash hauling budget should be increased around double what it was due to raising costs of the services.
      - i. Campground for FY 2023/24
    - b. Lake Iowa Park:

- i. New program series “Grow, Gather, Preserve” -
- ii. Project AWARE – Danaher informs the group about their positive experience with previous AWARE projects and encourages anyone who has the time to join and help clean up the river. Anderson and Danaher add information about dates and location. The annual river clean up will start in Tama and go about 100 miles following the Iowa river from July 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Anderson informs board that Naturalist; Bulger will go to Tama County during the week to do educational programs for the public. The board is encouraged to look for local businesses interested in sponsoring the event.
- iii. Outdoor Adventure 2023 – Anderson inquiries about the reason for having Outdoor adventure on Father’s Day rather than other weekends, and Danaher states that it avoids other schedule obstacles, so more people are available to attend by having it then. Danaher also adds that finding more volunteers would be helpful and to ask the community. Anderson encourages the board to continue brainstorming ideas for lessons and workshops and if they know anyone with a unique skill to reach out to them for the 2023 event.
- iv. ICCB FY 2023/24 Budget proposal – Anderson states that the compensations board recommended a 9 % increase to salaries, also stating this may change depending on approval of the Board of Supervisors. Anderson informs that insurance budgeting had been increased 9.43%. Anderson states plan to get rid of work phones due to the lack of use, this being contingent on further acceptance from employees using work phones. Parsons makes a motion to accept budget, Birch seconds with room given to percentage changes for compensation. Motion carried.

8. Scheduling of Next Meeting- Thursday January 12, 2022

9. Adjournment 7:18 by Chris Montross