

1. **Call to Order**

Stacey Rector, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:35 p.m. at the Starr's Cave Nature Center

Those Members Present: Stacey Rector, Cathy Ziglar, James Steer, Jim Garnjobst and LaVon Worley

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Supervisor Beck, David Wiemer, Chris Lee, Pat Rogge, Kent Rector, Kim Perlstein and Joel Behne

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**

a. None.

3. **Delegations/Public Input:**

None.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

#1. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the minutes of the December 05, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

5. **Approval of Report of Activities for December 2012:**

#2. a. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the reports of activity for December 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. **Approval of Claims for December 2012:**

#3. a. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve the claims for December 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. **Acceptance of Donations:**

- a. Scott Sovern. Three (3) Ducks Unlimited Prints. Valued by donor at \$1,050.00.
- b. Julie Winter. \$50.00 Summer Camp Scholarship as Christmas gift for Miriam and Frank Winter.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer advised that the December advisory board meeting had been rescheduled to January 17th, 2013. The SRAC will be reviewing the most recent draft of the Comprehensive Range Safety Plan.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** Director Perlstein reported that the trail had been completed to the satisfaction of the IDNR and that the time frame for completion was met. A tour of the completed trail will be scheduled so that the board can view the trail this winter/spring.
- c. **Observatory:** Cathy Ziglar reported that there will be no public viewing for January or February. The observatory members are going to send a letter objection to the Burlington Partners regarding the lighting of the downtown Burlington sky. They believe it will be an improper use of a lot of money at a time when dollar resources are limited as well as contributing to light pollution from their point of view.
- d. **REAP:** Stacey Rector, No report.

9. **Project Updates:**

Operations Supervisor Lee:

- Shooting Range renovations have been completed.
- Three (3) Interns. One from Burlington High School. Two interns representing SCC will be working with the staff during the upcoming months.
- New Big Hollow sign has been installed. Kiosk will be added this spring.
- A volunteer, Patrick Moore, is currently painting and staining shutters for the new cabin. Patrick was an intern with us last summer.
- It was requested that the 25 and 50 yard ranges be officially reopened.

#4.

Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve the re-opening of the 25 and 50 yard shooting ranges at Big Hollow. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

10. **Old Business:**

- a. Shooting Range. Jim Garnjobst handed out a revised Draft of the Comprehensive Range Safety Plan. This draft has incorporated the comments from all those who reviewed and submitted corrections, changes, additions and deletions to the original. Jim requested that this document be reviewed once again. It is noted above that the SRAC will be reviewing this document at their January 17th meeting.

New Business:

- a. Gahn Shooting Complex.

Chris Lee provided two (2) resolutions for the board to review. These resolutions are required by the IDNR when submitting a request for grant funding. These resolutions will be submitted for two different grant proposals. Both will be for shooting range improvements.

The first would be to update the existing Shooting Range Complex at Big Hollow. This grant would be a request to fund the installation of electric to the ranges. This would then assist with the ability to provide necessary infrastructure for future improvements such as wireless camera surveillance of the ranges.

The second would be to fund the following at the Gahn refuge.

- Roadway
- Parking lot
- Sidewalk
- Platform for trap shooting site
- Electric

This grant request would focus on providing access to a currently owned and maintained but unused site off of Washington Road.

The total funding for this grant cycle is \$50,000. The amount being requested for the Gahn complex will be \$30,000. An amount for bringing in electric to BH Ranges was not projected at this time. It was agreed by the members of the board that Chris Lee should apply for these grant opportunities.

Both resolutions 2013-001 and 2013-002 were read into the minutes by Chairperson Rector.

New Business Continued:

- #5. b. Rector Hiring. Kent Rector was introduced to the Board. Kent has been hired as the Environmental Education/Public Relations Manager replacing Amanda Delperdang. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the hiring of Kent Rector for the EE/Public Relations Manager Position. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
- c. **DMCCB By-Laws**
The by-laws were review. Several changes were recommended. It was decided that both the staff and the board would go over the existing by-laws, make changes as recommended and determine if other additions or deletions were needed. This item will be placed on the agenda for February 06, 2013.
- d. 2013/14 Budget. Director Perlstein reviewed the budget, expenses and revenues, with the board. The budget information is that which was provided to the board on January 4th for the FY13/14.
- e. Staff Raises. Director Perlstein requested that the board make a determination for this Fiscal Year's staff raises. In the past it has been whatever the unions had bargained with the Supervisors. Director suggested a 3% increase for staff.

Jim Garnjobst asked Supervisor Beck when negotiations were going to start and/or be completed. Supervisor Beck advised that they are currently underway. Jim Garnjobst did not think the board should make any recommendations until negotiations were completed. There was no action on this item.

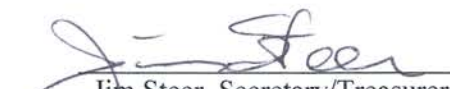
13. **Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:**

- a. LaVon Worley spoke to the presentation that will be made on January 22, 2013 at the Aldo Leopold Middle School Auditorium. Storyteller Jim Pfitzer will present *Aldo Leopold: A Standard of Change* that evening. LaVon invited all to join him for an evening of reminiscing with Aldo Leopold.
- b. Hiring Committee: Interviews have been offered to six candidates for the Executive Director position. A special board meeting will need to be held. That special meeting will be held at Starr's Cave Nature Center on Monday evening January 21st, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. The agenda will be provided to the Burlington Hawkeye for Publication in a timely manner for public notification of this special meeting.

14. **Adjournment:**

- #6. a. A motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by LaVon Worley, to adjourn the January 09, 2013 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Stacey Rector, Chair


Jim Steer, Secretary/Treasurer