

1. **Call to Order**

Stacey Rector, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 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: See List

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

- a. Move up and complete in this order.

11 New Business

- a. Gahn Range

10 Old Business

- c. Cooperative Agreement Renewal – Witte Observatory
b. Safety Plan

3. **Delegations/Public Input:**

- a. None

11: New Business: As moved up under Additions and Deletions

- a. Gahn Range. Director Lee reviewed the results of the Public hearings and the computer input regarding A Gahn Range Proposal. The Gahn site was met with much neighborhood and Gahn Family resistance. There was good local support and an indicated community need for a range as described in this proposal but most probably in another location at another time. Board Member Jim Steer spoke to the neighborhood resistance that was present at the public hearings. He also noted the need for a range of this type at some other location.

#29. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst to NOT Pursue the Gahn Range Proposal. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

10: Old Business: As moved up under Additions and Deletions

- c. Cooperative Agreement Renewal – Witte Observatory.

An updated cooperative was given to the board for signature. Libby Snipes, President, was present.

#30. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to accept the Cooperative Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

- b. **Safety Plan.**

The finalized Safety Plan has been submitted for signature. All members have reviewed the document. Jim Steer complimented Member Jim Garnjobst hard work on re-writing this document.

#31. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to accept the Safety Plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

4. a. **Approval of Minutes:**

#32. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by LaVon Worley, to approve the minutes of the March 06, 2013 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

- b. **Approval of Minutes Work Session:**

#33. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by LaVon Worley, to approve the minutes of the March 06, 2013 Board Work Session. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

5. **Approval of Report of Activities for March 2013:**
- #34. a. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the Director's report of activity for February 2013. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
6. **Approval of Claims for March 2013:**
- #35. a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve the claims for March 2013. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
7. **Acceptance of Donations:**
- a. Stacia dePerrot. \$30.00. Apply to Summer Camp scholarship fund for one child summer 2013.
- b. The Hawkeye. \$500.00 for Earth Day Activities.
8. **Committee Reports:**
- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer. No report.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** Jim Garnjobst reported that there was a meeting of the entire trails committee on March 11th. Jim reported that a new route has been found around Bluff Road. Phasing out Phase 1 of this project. Still missing the SCP&P component. Working on how to cross Highway 61 to connect trail. The building of two bridges on the trail are once again being worked on.
- c. **Observatory:** Further discussion was held under New Business a. Cooperative Agreement, which had already been completed. See above.
- d. **REAP:** Stacey Rector. The Iowa Legislature is once again working on trying to fully fund REAP.
9. **Project Updates:**
Director Lee:
- Gahn Range Proposal – See earlier information.
 - Burn season has started. Andrew busy with prescribed burns as well as staff with burns at Big Hollow and other conservation areas.
 - Campgrounds were opened April 01.
 - Tables are all out.
 - Water turned back on in parks.
10. **Old Business:**
- a. **By-Laws:** All changes to this document have been reviewed and the appropriate time period has been provided for adoption.
- #36. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve the By-Laws as written. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
- b. **Safety Plan Draft.**
This item was completed under the Additions and Deletions Section A at the beginning of the meeting.
- c. **Cooperative Agreement Renewal – Witte Observatory.**
This item was completed under the Additions and Deletions Section A at the beginning of the meeting.
11. **New Business:**
- a. **Gahn Range.**
This item was completed under the Additions and Deletions Section A at the beginning of the meeting.

New Business Continued:

- b. Big Hollow Revenue Resolution. A resolution was presented to the board. This Resolution request the board to approve a request that the Board Of Supervisors approve a resolution allocating monies that are non-tax dollars associated with fees generated from any and all projects at the Big Hollow Recreational Area. i.e. camping, shooting range fees, planting fees etc. These monies to be placed into a Conservation Reserve Account and utilized to fund Des Moines County Conservation improvements and projects.
- #37. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to adopt the revenue resolution regarding future funding. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
- c. Request for Beer/Wine SCNC, Mehaffy
- #38. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to allow the request for Beer/Wine at the Nature Center for the Mehaffy gathering. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

12. Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:

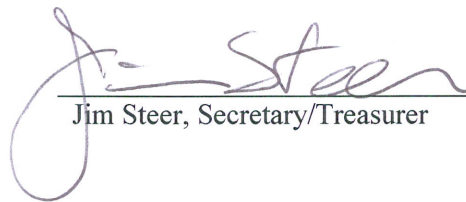
- a. Jim Garnjobst requested that all Board Members prepare to schedule a work session regarding long range planning. A couple of month's preparation should allow board members to properly formulate individual ideas for presentation.

13. Adjournment:

- #39. a. A motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to adjourn the April 03, 2013 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Stacey Rector, Chair



Jim Steer, Secretary/Treasurer