

1. **Call to Order**

Stacey Rector, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

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

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Supervisor Beck, Director Lee and Behne

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

- a. Moved up from 11a – New Business
DOT Agreement. Justin Bushong.

The Scenic By-Ways Grant that Des Moines County Conservation has needs to be changed. The Grant currently reads that the funding received is to be used for acquisition and development. The change will request that the grant be used for the acquisition of the Baker Property. Paperwork and agreement documentation are being processed.

After discussion it was determined that Director Lee's name should appear on the application form as a signatory for Des Moines County Conservation. Justin will see to that change.

- #71. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the requested change to the Scenic By-Ways Grant as outlined above. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

3. **Delegations/Public Input:**

Cathy Ziglar. Wished to remind those present to look at all of the good things conservation has been doing throughout the years, i.e. Big Hollow and to not get discouraged if progress slows.

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

- #72. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. **Approval of Report of Activities for September 2013:**

- #73. a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by LaVon Worley, to approve the reports of activity for September 2013. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. **Approval of Claims for September 2013:**

- #74. a. Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the claims for September 2013. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

7. **Acceptance of Donations**

- a. Big Hollow Hydraulics c/o Russ Bonar, \$100.00 for the Big Hollow Top Shot.
b. Fenton Sales & Pawn c/o Danielle Fenton, \$100.00 for the Big Hollow Top Shot.
c. GunRX c/o Mike Roundtree, \$100.00 for the Big Hollow Top Shot.
d. Hardy Gun & Loan c/o Steve Hardy, Mossberg 802 Plinkster .22 rifle valued at \$125.00 for Big Hollow Top Shot.
e. Scheels of Coralville, IA. 4 - \$25.00 gift cards for Scheels. Valued \$100.00. Big Hollow Top Shot.
f. Mitty's Trophy Case c/o Mitty Billups, 15% discount on plaques for Big Hollow Top Shot.
g. Schrock Lumber Co. c/o Carolyn Breder, \$100.00 for the Big Hollow Top Shot.

8. **Committee Reports:**
- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer. The minutes from the September 19, 2013 SRAC meeting has been sent to all board members. Lead and copper mining continues.
 - b. **Flint River Trails:** Jim Garnjobst reported that he Ribbon cutting ceremony for the “Official” opening of the FRT is scheduled for 10-9-13 at 10:00 a.m. The trail section from the Burlington Riverfront has been poured to Bluff Road.
 - c. **Observatory:** Cathy Ziglar reported that a new calendar of events has been posted. This calendar covers the next couple of months. The Newsletter has been posted on the Website.
 - d. **REAP:** Director Lee reported:
 - A hearing on the grants submitted has been held in Des Moines, IA on September 18th. DMC Conservation was unsuccessful in two different grant attempts.
 - The 25 Anniversary will be this coming year. A 25 Million Campaign is being conducted in an effort to have the legislative process fund REAP at 25 Million.
 - REAP Assembly will be held on October 23rd, 2013 at the Burlington Public Library.

9. **Project Updates:**

Director Lee:

- 1. Top shot was again a success! This year pre-registration was required. There were three categories and each had a limit of 25 entrants. Most all were filled and approximately \$800.00 was brought in for this fundraiser.
- 2. The cabin is ready with the exception of a couple of pieces of furniture. Rules and Regulations concerning the scheduling of the cabin are in progress.
- 3. IACCB Conference was held at Lake Okoboji. Director Lee and Board Member Worley attended. The conference was well attended and the presenters were well versed. Des Moines County Conservation was presented an award from Izaak Walton League of Iowa for Habitat. More will be given on the award under Information items.
- 4. Conservation Board Member Applications. As of this date there have been no applications for this position.

Old Business:

11. **New Business:**

- a. DOT Agreement. See #2 Additions & Deletions as this item was moved up.
- b. Archaeology Survey on Baker.
As a result of the changes to the grant on the Baker project it now required that a more thorough Archaeological examination be completed.

Request for Proposals (RFP's) have been sent out. Four (4) have been returned. The amounts vary from \$5,000 to \$35,000. Chris is reviewing the proposals. He will work with the County Attorney's Office on the preparation of a contract regarding required services as it applies to the Archaeology Survey as required by DOT.

12. Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:

- a. Habitat Award: Director Lee presented a plaque that was presented in an Awards Ceremony at the IAACB Conference this year. Des Moines County Conservation was awarded 3rd place by the Iowa Chapter of Izaak Walton League. This award was for the habitat programs that have been put in place by Des Moines County Conservation here locally.


Chris will be getting with Natural Resource Manager, Andrew Mason, as it was due to much of his outstanding work that this award was received.

The Board congratulated Director Lee, Natural Resource Manager and all of Des Moines County Conservation Staff for their continuing contributions to conservation and habitat at the local level.


13. Adjournment:

- #75. a. A motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to adjourn the October 02, 2013 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on November 06, 2013. The public is welcome.



Stacey Rector, Chair



Jim Steer, Secretary/Treasurer