

1. **Call to Order**

Cathy Ziglar, 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: Cathy Ziglar, James Steer, Jim Garnjobst and LaVon Worley

Those Members Absent: Angela Vaughan

Others Present: Director Lee and Office Manager Behne

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

9. **Project Update** – Addition. New d. Shooting Range Grant

3. a. **Delegations/Public Input:** None.

4. a. **Approval of Minutes for January 08, 2014:**

#13. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve the minutes of the January 08, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. **Approval of Report of Activities for January 2014:**

#14 a. Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by LaVon Worley, to approve the reports of activity for January 2014. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. **Approval of Claims for January 2014:**

#15. a. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by LaVon Worley, to approve the claims for January 2014. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

7. **Acceptance of Donations**

- a. Shawn Cushman. \$25.00 in memory of his mother. Big Hollow.
- b. Dr. Alice Hillyer. \$50.00 donation for Big Hollow.
- c. Dr. Sid Carter. \$25.00 donation for Big Hollow.
- d. Dr. David and Mrs. Marsha Carlson. \$250.00 annual donation to Big Hollow.
- e. Jerry & Lois Rigdon. \$500.00 for the Aldo Leopold Middle School Outdoor Classroom Project.
- f. Pat Mayle. \$25.00 donation sent after reading article in the newspaper. Wanted to let us know to "Keep up the good work" on our projects.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer. No report.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** Jim Garnjobst No report.
- c. **Observatory:** LaVon Worley reported that a meeting is scheduled for the 6th and 10th and that he will have a better report for the next meeting.
- d. **REAP:** Cathy Ziglar reported that the REAP Congress report for 2014 is now up on their website. Des Moines County had a good showing. It appears that the currently budgeted allocation of 16 million from this Fiscal Year will be repeated for FY 14-15.

9. **Project Updates: By Director Lee**

a. **Baker Property :**

Archaeology. SHPO has accepted the study and we have paid Rolling Hills Consulting Services, LLC.

- b. **Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation:** Met with and have identified a plan to move forward It was suggested that we go after a LAWCON grant. This grant funding would be a Federal fund that is administered through the Iowa DNR. Des Moines County Conservation has previously received a LAWCON Grant for the Baker Property. We had to eventually turn down that grant funding as we were unable to match the required dollars. Our REAP dollars that are available can be used for this funding match but we currently have them allocated to the match on the pending DOT grant. The same funds cannot be used as a match for both Federal grants which would free up the REAP funds to be used, along with Partners funds to match the LAWCON grant. If approved we could qualify for up to \$150,000 based upon a county of our size. This would mean we need up to \$150,000 in cash to match the grant if approved.

INHF believes that we might be able to leverage the difference between the original purchase price and the recently upgraded appraised value of the land as a match for the DOT grant. They have indicated that it has worked before on DOT administered grants. The due date for this LAWCON grant is March 14th. Chris would like to have a rough draft of grant proposal by February 19th to send to INHF and Zach James for review. Comments on the draft to be back by February 26th to allow for their comments to be incorporated into the grant in time to get it to the board for review and into the board packet for approval of a resolution requesting the grant application at the meeting on March 5th.

Should this grant be funded it would put us \$300,000 closer to the purchase of the property and INHF has indicated they will work with us to get it deeded into our name.

Big Hollow.

No update at this time regarding the MOA. Chris has been in touch with Roger Knowlton from the National Park Service. Roger has been pursuing this but no one has gotten back to him.

c. **IDNR Wildlife Diversity Grant:**

Timber stand improvement grant is not ready yet.

- d. **Shooting Range:** Director Lee just received notice that this grant that was recently submitted will not be able to be funded. The development portion of this funding, which is what we applied to, is not available this year.

10. **Old Business:** This item was tabled until the next meeting. The suspense calendar will be researched further.

- #16. a. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to table this item until the next meeting in March. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

11. **New Business:**

- a. None

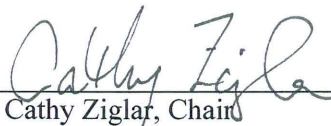
12. **Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:**

- a. None

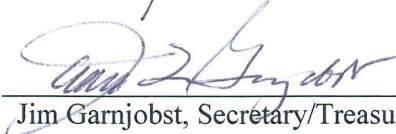
13. **Adjournment:**

- #17. a. A motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to adjourn the February 05, 2014 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
Meeting adjourned at 6:10 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 March 05th, 2014. The public is welcome.



Cathy Ziglar, Chair



Jim Garnjobst, Secretary/Treasurer