

1. Call to Order

Cathy Ziglar, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:32 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: Chris Lee and Office Manager Behne

2. a. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

None.

3. a. Delegations/Public Input:

None.

4. a. Approval of Minutes for June 04, 2014:

#51. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the minutes of the June 04, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Approval of Report of Activities for June 2014:

#52 a. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst to approve the reports of activity for June 2014. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. Approval of Claims for June 2014:

#53. a. Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by LaVon Worley, to approve the claims for June 2014. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

7. Acceptance of Donations

- a. Stacia dePerrot. \$30.00 Starr's Cave Nature Center Camp Scholarship
- b. Murray Foundation. \$10,000. 1'st of \$50,000 toward a 5 year grant for SCNC Restoration
- c. Jeff Heland. \$25.00. Take a "KID" Crappie Fishing Tournament Sponsor.
- d. Kendra Weingart. \$40.00 donation toward Wildlife Rehabilitation in Father, LaVon Worley's Name.
- e. Pat Mayle. \$10. Pat's 6th donation for general use.
- f. Ashley Olsen. \$15.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- g. Issah Edgington. \$10.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- h. Debbie Sink. \$5.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- i. Kendra Robertson. \$20.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- j. Jennifer Evans. \$10.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- k. Ashley Harwood. \$20.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- l. Blake Christofferson. \$10.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- m. Devon Hesler. \$20.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- n. Alana Capps. \$30.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation and \$10.00 worth of paper towels.
- o. Amanda DeCoursey. \$10.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- p. Kristi Williams. \$20.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- q. Addison Johnson. \$20.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- r. Palo Soares. \$100.00 Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- s. Cathy Brown & Jim Walter. 2 - Cans of KMR Kitten Replacement Milk \$40.00 value.
- t. Kelly Samberg. 2 - Cans of KMR Kitten Replacement Milk \$40.00 value.
- u. Jody Miller. 3 - Cans of KMR Kitten Replacement Milk \$60.00 value.
- v. Martha Mansheim. 1 - Outside heating pad. 4 - Cans of KMR Kitten Replacement Milk. 2 cans

- of Puppy Replacement Milk & 2 WDDLEHWTS valued at \$250.00
- w. Lisa Coreen. 3 - Packages of paper towels. 2 - Bags of cat food. 2 - Boxes baby food. Valued at \$35.00.
 - x. Matt Rinker. \$30.00 Cash and 1 - Plano tackle box and 1 - Shakespeare "Reverb" Fishing Combo for the Take a "KID" Crappie Fishing Tournament. Prizes. Valued \$50.00.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer – No report. The minutes from the Advisory Boards most recent meeting was emailed to all members.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** Jim Garnjobst reported that the FRT had a meeting. Present was Dr. Gary Syzmula the chair. Members present were updated on where project was currently at. It was felt that additional signage was needed in the Hickory Bend area of the trail. Parking needs to be addressed. The Burlington portion of the project needs to be completed by September or it appears a waiver will be needed considering recent flooding events in the area.
- c. **Observatory:** LaVon Worley reported.
 - July 1 SCC Upward Bound group
 - 4 Public viewing
 - 9 Dark Wings
 - 18 Meeting and public viewing
 - 19 Boy Scouts visitEaling telescope is up and running.
- d. **REAP:** Cathy Ziglar. No report.

9. Project Updates: By Director Lee

- a.. Baker Project.

DOT is ready to approve Baker property funding. Awaiting the completion of another appraisal for LAWCON.

A draft of the REAP Grant has been completed. This grant is due August 15, 2014. The grant request is in the amount of approximately \$380,000. This grant has been written with a multi-faceted approach.

- Funding for a dump station at the RV Park as well as the wastewater system for a shower house.
- A specific dollar amount for completing the required archaeology on the BH Lake Project.
- A \$50,000 request for the Baker Property which encompasses the Flint River Trail.

Letters of Community Support are needed and welcomed for this grant.

A deadline of July 30 for review has been set. A request to approve the grant request will be on the agenda for the August 6th Board Meeting.

- b. Big Hollow. Progress continues within the Park.
- c. Starr's Cave Nature Center.

Kent and Director Lee met with Chad Palmer for an energy efficiency review and assistance. Chad recommended a CAD drawing be made of the Nature Center. He recommended possibly getting some assistance with that project from either the High School or SCC. Once completed it will be easier to establish needs and what can be accomplished at the NC.
- d. Flint River Trail. Patrick Moore has been hired as a Part Time Conservation Technician to work on the trails through the summer.

Director Lee and County Engineer Carter have spoken with Jeff Housman regarding the Level B secondary road. There will be no rock or bridge. Future easement is important to the area and should become FRT c/o Conservation Dept. if it is abandoned by the Roads Dept.
- e. Other. None

10. Old Business: Gahn Management Plan

- a. An updated version is available. It has been edited as indicated in the document.

Director Lee has spoken with Vicki Gahn regarding the management plan. She has reviewed it and indicated she felt it was a good fit for the area.

Jim Garnjobst has personally spoken with most of area neighbors and shared this plan with them. The information provided and plan has been well received.

- #54. a. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve the Gahn Management Plan. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

11. New Business:

- a. **Big Hollow MOA.**

The final document is ready for signature.

- #55. A motion by Jim Steer, seconded by LaVon Worley, to approve the final draft and to have the Chair sign the document. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

- b. **Big Hollow Shooting Range – Berm raising project**

The bids received all came back well above the projected cost of the project. Funding at that level is not available.

- #56. A motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by Jim Steer, to reject all bids currently received. To rebid this fall or early spring of 2015. Motion approved unanimously by all members present.

- c. **SCP&P Management Agreement**

- #57. A motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to table this item until the documents can be reviewed and response received from the County Attorney. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

- d. **Canoe rental rates**

The Nucanoes are ready to use. Rental rates need to be established for this first season.

The canoes will not be taken off of the site they are at when rented. I.e. Big Hollow, Fourth Pump as provided by Des Moines County Conservation Staff.

Rental fees would be as follows. \$10.00 for a ½ day. \$20.00 for a whole day. \$15.00 per day for those to use during their reserved period for the Primitive Cabin.

- #58. **A motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve rental fees as outlined in the discussion above. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.**

12. Informational Items/Correspondence:

FEMA Properties to be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

- #59. A motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members.

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 August 06, 2014. The public is welcome.

Cathy Ziglar, Chair

Jim Steer, Vice Chair