

1. Call to Order

LaVon Worley, 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: LaVon Worley, Jim Steer, Cathy Ziglar, Angela Vaughan and Jim Garnjobst.

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Director Chris Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, Melinda Wenke, Mark & Cheryl Lieurance, Terry McDowell, Wendell & Alice Smith.

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. Agenda item 10(a) was deleted from the meeting. Agenda item 10(b) was moved to Agenda item 6.

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. None

4. Approval of Minutes for July 05, 2017 :

- #40 a. Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the minutes of the July 05, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Approval of Claims for July 2017:

- #41 a. Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for July 2017. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. Big Hollow Horse Campground Proposal:

Mark Lieurance spoke as representative of a group that would like a horse campground constructed on the South side of the lake off of Dodgeville Road. The campground would consist of primitive sites with a fire ring, picnic table & hitching post / ring at each site. There would be 4 sites initially, expanding to possibly 10. We would need to run Rathbun water, but most of the labor would be donated. The camp area would also have a gravel loop to connect the sites and potentially a small arena. The Board informally supported the idea.

7. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. Jacob Roy, steel plate for the shooting range.
- b. Brian Messer, donation of dozer operator and dozer time for construction of lake accesses.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. **Shooting Range:** No new items.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** No new items.
- c. **Observatory:** The new Brandon scope is operational. The Brandon scope allows users to connect their cell phones to the scope to take pictures.
- d. **REAP/IWILL:** There is a REAP grant approval meeting scheduled for 3pm on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 to approve the application for the North Gorge Trail.

9. Project Updates:

- a. **Leopold Rec Area:** With the dry summer, the contractor was able to begin pond reconstruction several months early. The new pond will be approximately 14 feet deep, compared to the 3-4 it was before. Completion is scheduled within 1 week.

- b. **Big Hollow:** The septic tank has been installed and is undergoing static pressure testing now. The treatment system is under construction and should be completed within 1 week. The two new lake accesses are done. They are covered with 2” stone for now. They will be top-dressed with road stone once the base settles. Trails are being benched with dirt from the accesses to reduce the angle on some of the side hills.
- c. **River Docks:** All river docks are in the process of being put out with the exception of Tama Beach.
- d. **SCNC Bus Trip:** The bus trip to the Great American Eclipse has been sold out.
- e. **SCNC Reconstruction:** Demolition and reconstruction of the Nature Center 2nd floor will begin this fall once the summer programs come to a close.

10. Old Business:

- a. None to report.

11. New Business:

- a. **Online Shooting Range Certification Course:** Director Lee had submitted an online certification course to the shooting range advisory committee and the Des Moines County Conservation Board for review. The purpose of the online course is to allow those who cannot attend one of the 6 classroom courses a chance to become range members. The feedback from the board was positive, with only minor adjustments suggested.

#42 Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the implementation of the online certification course.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

- b. **FY16-17 Annual Report:** The board was given some highlights of the FY16-17 annual report. The report will be available at the Volunteer Award Banquet on August 18.
- c. **Big Hollow Shower House Design:** The Board reviewed two design plans for the shower house at Big Hollow. Reviews were split, and additional time to consider the two designs was requested. Plans are for the foundation to be poured this fall, and the shower house to be installed when it is available from the contractor.

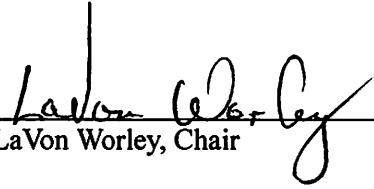
12. Informational Items/Correspondence:

- a. **Law Enforcement Actions:** There were two law enforcement actions to report from the past weekend. A group of four youths broke into the SCNC and stole snacks from the refrigerator and discharged a fire extinguisher. The four were apprehended and will pay restitution. There was a Driving While Intoxicated citation issued at Big Hollow over the weekend. Ranger John Mercer observed a truck knock over a dumpster. The driver was detained and assisting in the arrest were both the Iowa State Patrol and Des Moines County Sheriffs Department.
- b. **Dilan Beard,** a 5 year intern with Des Moines County Conservation, has completed his final internship with us and will begin a career with the Des Moines County Sheriffs office.

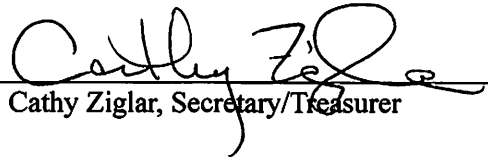
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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday September 06, 2017. The public is welcome.



LaVon Worley, Chair



Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer