

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.

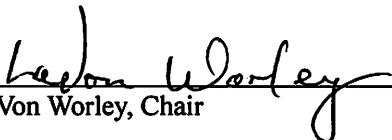
Those Members Present: LaVon Worley, Jim Steer, Cathy Ziglar, James Garnjobst.

Those Members Absent: Angela Vaughan

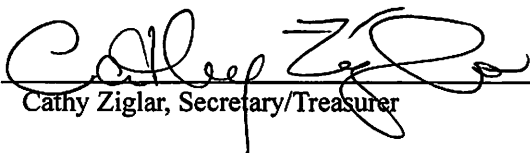
Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, NRM Yost, Tim Brown, George Gruenther, Kevin Moore.

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - a. Agenda item 9(a) was moved to item 4.
3. **Delegations/Public Input:**
 - a. None
4. **Kevin Moore - Zion School Discussion**
 - a. Kevin Moore discussed some of the needs to restore the Zion school. The roof has been repaired to stop the current leak. There was discussion about fundraising and routing any proceeds through Partners for Conservation. Board gave Kevin informal approval to investigate fundraising needs and opportunities.
5. **Approval of Minutes for September 06, 2017 :**
 - #47 a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the minutes of the September 06, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
6. **Approval of Claims for September 2017:**
 - #48 a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the claims for September 2017. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Shooting Range:** A short meeting was held. Discussion was based on range usage and expanding the guest program.
 - b. **Flint River Trails:** No new items.
 - c. **Observatory:** The observatory continues to be busy. The Astronomy Club has signed the MOU with Partners for Conservation. They are also in the process of writing a grant to add heaters and a projector.
 - d. **REAP/IWILL:** There is a REAP assembly scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30pm at the Starr's Cave Nature Center.
8. **Project Updates:**
 - a. **Flint River Trail:** Advertising for bids will begin soon. Bid lettings for both segments will be in November. The plan is for a late start date of June 4 for the tail sections.
 - b. **Big Hollow:** Construction work on the wastewater system is complete. We are working with Rathbun on some water pressure issues.
 - c. **Parks in General:** Closing time is approaching for the parks. The plan is to leave them open as long as the threat of freezing stays away.

- d. **Linder Property:** Purchase agreement is forthcoming. It's taking longer than expected because of the amount of people who have to sign it and mail it on.
- e. **Hickory Bend:** The DOT has purchased the wetland mitigation land adjacent to Hickory Bend. This was purchased in the County's name, and management will eventually be turned over to us.
- f. **General Updates:** Campgrounds continue to be very active. There will be a new public survey coming out soon to see what we should begin planning for. Demolition work begins this month on Starr's Cave Nature Center. Video segments from the Volunteer Awards Banquet are posted to our YouTube channel. There is a website overhaul underway for the County website. It will roll out after the first of the year.
9. **Old Business:**
#49 a. **Hickory Bend 28E Agreement:**
Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the Hickory Bend 28E Agreement. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
10. **New Business:**
#50 a. **Special Event Application:**
Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by James Garnjobst to approve the special event. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
11. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
a. **Cathy Ziglar** - Spoke about the biology conference that was held in town. The presentations and tours by staff were well received.
b. **Jim Steer** - Asked about the lead analysis at the Big Hollow Shooting Range. The estimate should be ready this week. Also discussed adding signage to parks where hunting is allowed to alert hikers and ask them to wear orange.
c. **James Garnjobst** - Spoke about the possibility of reviving a trap shooting location. He has been asked about the potential range several times the last few weeks.
12. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:39 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 November 01, 2017.
The public is welcome.



LaVon Worley, Chair



Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer