

Worth County Conservation Board

Minutes

April 5, 2012

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. Other Board members present were Justin Faber, and Matt Smith. Others present were Dean Mueller, Nicole Streets, Jim Hanson, and Bob Moak.

Smith moved to approve the Agenda, Second by Faber, motion carried.

Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the March meeting, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Director's Report,

1. John Frohm is ready to close on his property in two weeks.
2. Budget amendments are due in the Auditor's office by the end of next week. We will need to amend for the Frohm and Presholt acquisitions.
3. In regard to the budget we are going to be over spent on fuels as we are at 99.9% expended now. Should be able to cover with the rest of the budget. I will look at this closer next week.
4. Parks are open. Already have a camper at Silver Lake. Universal Contractors is taking out the concrete at the shelter today.
5. Hope to burn several areas next week.
6. One of our grass drills and been out three times already.
7. Our new pickup will be for lights, radio and siren next Tuesday.
8. I have not advertised for a park host, waiting until after the park discussion tonight.
9. The new Harley should be here in the next two weeks.
10. Mowing contractors.

Motion by Faber to approve the Director's report, Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Nicole Streets gave the Naturalist report, reporting that about 35 programs were done this past month. She also introduced herself to the Board members. It was noted as well that the trip to Nebraska to see the sandhill cranes was a success.

Motion by Smith to approve the Naturalist Report, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

During the discussion on Kuennen's Quarry it was noted that the Boarded will meet the 19th of April at 7:00 P.M. to decide the fate of the park for the summer. Also the decision to hold a public meeting on the 26th at Kuennen's to reveal the fate to the public with the state Hydrologist in attendance to help explain some of the situation.

Smith made a motion to accept the State Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant and to have Hanson sign on the Boards behalf, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

After looking over the cost estimates for the new building it was decided to show the Supervisors the figures.

After some discussion on the replacement of the grill at Worth County Lake, Smith motioned to have a split face colored block shell made around the fire brick lined grill, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Nicole reported that we received a Urban /Under Served Grant from the Iowa DNR to promote outdoor skills ie; hunting, shooting, boating, and fishing activities. This will about double our Young Naturalist program for the

summer. This is a 4 year grant reducing in dollars each year as we are to look for partners to help fund the program in the future.

Smith moved to accept the grant, seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Faber moved to pay the following bills

IPE 1031	\$ 37,170.00	Frahm purchase
Lawson Products	\$ 899.87	Parts, tools
Worth County Engineer	\$ 550.56	Fuel, black dirt
Alliant Energy	\$ 453.17	
Visa	\$ 256.51	Postage, fuel
Jim Hanson	\$ 178.98	meals
Manly Junction Signal	\$ 100.00	printing
Northwood Anchor	\$ 100.00	Newsletter/add
Mediacom	\$ 89.95	internet service
Visa	\$ 68.50	Treated lumber
Dean A Mueller	\$ 51.96	Meal, fuel
Worth County Extension	\$ 35.00	drainage
Fastenal	\$ 30.25	parts
D & L Equipment	\$ 23.86	Tractor repair
Worth County Conservation Foundation	\$ 20.00	registration
Fallgatters Market	\$ 19.82	supplies
City of Northwood	\$ 17.00	Water
Ver Helst Snyder Drug	\$ 1.98	Latex gloves, up date first aid kits
	Total	\$ 40,067.41

Seconded by Smith, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson

Deputy Director

Jeff Vansteenburgh

President