

Worth County Conservation Board

Minutes

November 7, 2013

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Other board members present were; Randy Sime, Matt Smith, and Troy Christianson. Others present were Dean Mueller, and Jim Hanson.

Smith moved to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Christianson, motion carried.

Smith moved to approve the October minutes, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Directors report

1. Ochee Yahola, Deer Creek Rest Area and Silver Lake are closed up. The other just need to have the picnic tables stacked.
2. We will be putting the aerators in later this month. With the continued drop in water levels at KQ, we will be putting those aerators in again this year.
3. Jim and I attended two of the new summit series classes Tom Hazelton has put together. I think that they need a little work to become top notch. The MCP cloud training was something that we could have figured out on our own, but the group working on data input and moving files helped to find some of the glitches that need to be fixed. The portal will be good for information exchange when everything is up and running.
4. ISAC is next week and Jim and I will be attending.
5. The new storage shed is just about completed.
6. We still need to seed the new properties at Willow Creek and the hay field at Wallys.
7. Block used the skid loader to push the trails at Ochee Yahola open. We still need to get in there with the wood chipper and do a better job of cleaning up.
8. Starting next week, I will have to electronically file all citations with the Clerk of Court.
9. The renovation of State Line Lake will be put off until next spring or fall. The new fish barrier that needs to be installed is holding up the project. The DNR's (Iowa and Minnesota) are still planning to treat all of the small wetlands that drain into State Line Lake. This includes the wetland at Northern Prairie.

Motion by Sime to approve the Director Report, Seconded by Christianson, motion carried.

Smith motioned to approve the Naturalist report handed them, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

1-Oct NK Ecol Forestry

1-Oct CS 3 Crayfish and Habitracks

2-Oct	CS Ecol	Forestry
2-Oct	NK 4	Orienteering
3-Oct	CS Ecol	Forestry
	Care	
3-Oct	Center	Manly
3-Oct	NK 1	Bats
4-Oct	Adult	Villa Luis trip
5-Oct	Adult	Villa Luis trip
7-Oct	NK 10	Plant test (2)
9-Oct	NK 6	Hormel
10-Oct	NK 6	Hormel
11-Oct	ST An NK	Pysics Trajectory Lab
14-Oct	St An 10	Fish Ecology
14-Oct	NK 4	Oystering on the bay
15-Oct	NK 4	Oystering on the bay
15-Oct	NK 5	Arrowheads
16-Oct	CS Ecol	Forestry
16-Oct	CS 3	Crayfish and Habitracks
17-Oct	CS Ecol	Forestry
18-Oct	NK Ecol	Fish Shocking with DNR
21-Oct	NK Ecol	Forestry
21-Oct	CS 2	Quarry
22-Oct	NK Ecol	Forestry
22-Oct	CS 2	Quarry
23-Oct	NK Ecol	Forestry

	Care	
23-Oct	Center	Manly
23-Oct	NK 5	AtlAtl
24-Oct	CS Ecol	Forestry
24-Oct	NK 5	AtlAtl
25-Oct	CS Ecol	Forestry
28-Oct	NK Ecol	Forestry
30-Oct	CS 4	Eyes (2)
31-Oct	CS Ecol	Forestry

35 programs

Adult trip went very well. Put a power point together from the trip and have already shown it twice to the assisted living/care center crowd.

Report of Forestry activities...

Had One Stop Forestry mark a timber sale at Ochee Yahola. DNR forester didn't mark all the timber that we were going to sell, and is too busy to finish the job...Thus One Stop come to mark the rest and put together the bidders packet. We will just pay him for his service. We are selling the 4 shelter wood areas that I worked on in the past few years. 4 acres along west central side of the woods, and 4 acres by the entrance. Plus a little Cherry along the edges of the sale areas that would likely end up dead on the ground before we could have another sale in the future.

So, perhaps in the next month we will be able to send out a timber sale.

I rented a skid loader to help delineate the sale area and pushed over some buckthorn in the sale area edges. After that, I spent about 2 hours clearing the trails at Ochee and I am happy to report that with the exception of the hill, the trails around the park are now cleared.

Cleared Buckthorn at Deer Creek for spring tree planting. Last spring plantings that One Stop did have very good survival and growth. The wet spring really helped the trees.

Smith made a motion to send a letter to US Fish and Wildlife Agency to Director Ash asking not to take away the Duck stamp funds from the State of Iowa, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

There was some general discussion about the upcoming budget, with no budget work sheet provided though it was held only to discussion.

Mueller gave an update on the Silver Lake renovation project and the set back with the Fishery Department finding carp in the lake. The lake will be drained down again this fall hoping for a winter kill so they can try to reestablish the fishery carp and bullhead free.

Sime moved to pay the following bills

Ogle's Greenhouse	\$7,978.75	reLeaf trees
Worth Co Engineer	\$2,533.81	fuel
Northwood Lumber	\$1,874.82	lumber
Visa	\$1,472.88	postage, fuel
Car Quest	\$1,063.41	
Alliant Energy	\$815.50	electric service
Lawns Plus	\$480.00	mowing
Northwood Anchor	\$363.00	notebook, add
Northwood True Value	\$357.87	supplies
Manly Junction Signal	\$345.00	notebook, add
D&L Equipment	\$333.24	parts, box blade
Lawson	\$326.17	bolts, choke cleaner
Green Canopy	\$250.00	septic pumping
Viafield	\$165.23	chemical
North Country Equipment	\$150.95	parts, shipping
Dean Mueller	\$138.29	meal - CCPOA,uniform
Media Com	\$119.90	cable
Fallgaters	\$110.77	supplies
Worth County Extension	\$105.00	pesticided training
Heartland Power	\$81.42	electricity
Olson Trading Post	\$74.85	sanding belts, parts
IDALS	\$45.00	pesticide licenses
A&I	\$42.51	tire repair
D&D Sales	\$34.54	embroidery
City of Northwood	\$34.00	water
Eilertson Repair	\$13.00	tire
State Hygeienic Lab	\$12.00	water test
Ver Helst Drug	\$2.76	naturalist supplies

Total \$19,324.67

Seconded by Christianson, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson

Deputy Director

Jeff Vansteenburgh

President