

1. Call to Order

David Riley, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Starr's Cave Nature Center

Those Members Present: David Riley, Cathy Ziglar, Stacey Rector, James Steer and Dennis Imler.

Those Members Absent: No one absent

Others Present: Amanda Delperdang, Chris Lee, Kim Perlstein and Joel Behne

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. None.

4. Approval of Minutes:

#18 Motion by Dennis Imler, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the minutes of the February 1st, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. Approval of Report of Activities for February 2012:

#19 a. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Stacey Rector, to approve the reports of activity for February 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Approval of Claims for February 2012:

#20 a. Motion by Stacey Rector, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the claims for February 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

8. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. Ross & Erin Haeger. \$100 for the Flint River Trail Project.
- b. Christina Cowles. \$20.00 for the Big Hollow Project.
- c. Mary Riley. \$2,000 for the Big Hollow Project.
- d. Carol Copeland. \$50.00 for the Polar Plunge.
- e. The Hawk Eye. \$500.00 for the Keep Burlington Beautiful Clean Up.

9. Committee Reports:

Shooting Range: Jim Steer reported that the last meeting was in January and that minutes were sent to all board members. David Riley ask about progress on location for clay bird range. Chris Lee advised he is still trying to determine a location that would be environmentally acceptable.

- b. **Flint River Trails:** Dennis Imler- No report.
- c. **Observatory:** Ziglar: No report. David Riley indicated that the Observatory would be open during the Youth Jamboree in May.
- d. **REAP:** Riley: No report.

10. Project Updates:

a. Operations Supervisor: Chris Lee reported:

- Presented Board with a changed and updated location for the proposed RV sites at Big Hollow.
- Presented Photos of new direction and fundraising signage at Big Hollow as well as the placement of stop signs within the park.
- Reported that the engine has been replaced in the tree spade and that the spade has been traded with the City of Burlington Parks Department for their Stump Removing Machine. That equipment will be of more use to our personnel than the tree spade.
- Reported that Batey Logging is once again on our property in the Sullivan Slough area. Chris has spoken with Alliant Plant Manager about the existing lease and the indicated dimensions being correct and the possibility of leasing the entire area to open it for public use.

11. Old Business:

a. 50th Anniversary update:

- Ice fishing clinic had to be cancelled due to warm weather
- A Wilderness Run of 6.2 miles to be held on April 7th is being finalized by Ranger Rogge.
- A “Take a KID Crappie Fishing Tournament scheduled continues to be in the planning stages for Sunday May 20th.
- June 2nd will be the Open House at Big Hollow. Similar to the original Open House, however, a larger crowd is anticipated to be in attendance.

b. Budget update. Director updated the board on the final budget that had been approved at the March 06th supervisor meeting.

12. New Business:

a. Free Camping Weekend is normally held the first weekend of June. This year it will fall on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Director requested a waiver of fees at our campgrounds as in past years.

#21 Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Stacey Rector, to approve the waiver of fees for Free Camping Weekend. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

b. SCNC Request for Beer & Wine. Zurmuehlen

A letter of request for a retirement party on March 31st, by Kyla Zurmuehlen for her father’s retirement.

#22 Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Stacey Rector, to approve the request for the use of beer and wine for the Zurmuehlen Retirement party. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

13. Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:

a. April Board Meeting

Director Perlstein will be away on vacation from April 3rd thru 6th. These dates will require her to be absent from the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Board Members, therefore, rescheduled the next meeting to April 11th at 5:30 p.m..

14. Adjournment:

- #17 a.** A motion by Stacey Rector, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to adjourn the March 07, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

David Riley, Chair

Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer