

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, James Steer, Stacey Rector and Jim Garnjobst

Those Members Absent:

Others Present: Supervisor Bob Beck, Justin Bushong, Paul Ziglar, Amanda Delperdang, Chris Lee , Kim Perlstein and Joel Behne

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. Paul Ziglar addressed the board about his recent introduction to the Shooting Range Certification Course. He advised that he and his wife, Board Member Cathy Ziglar, were totally impressed with the presentation and the diversity of those that took the class. Paul further applauded the board for the work being done with regards to the new trail. Lots of hard work and it will be well worth it when completed. Paul recently assisted David Wiemer with the work done at SCP&P in marking numerous trees throughout the area. This is a good project and looks very professionally done.

- b. Item 12b, New Business – Justin Bushong – REAP Grant was moved up.
REAP Grant – Justin Bushong, SEIRPC.

Justin presented the Board with a REAP grant that will soon need to be presented. The document presented is to assist with the acquisition costs for the Baker Project. This REAP grant is funded 100% with no local match. This grant would be applied to the Scenic By Ways Grant that Des Moines County Conservation has already received. This grant application is requesting \$250,000 which will go toward paying off the Natural Heritage Foundation that currently has retained this diverse property for conservation. This will leave approximately \$90,000 remaining to fund. This grant has been updated to include all those area's that the REAP funding committee previously felt were lacking. September 11, 2012 is the date that those selected for grant funding will be announced.

#46 Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the REAP grant application for the Baker property funding. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

4. Appointment of Board Member

- a. Oath of Office and Member Agreement - Jim Garnjobst
Jim read and signed the Oath of Office and the Board Member Agreement. Current Board members welcomed Jim.

5. Approval of Minutes:

#47 Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Stacey Rector, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. Approval of Report of Activities for July 2012:

#48 a. Motion by Stacey Rector, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the reports of activity for July 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Approval of Claims for July 2012:

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

8. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. Izaak Walton League. \$150.00 for EE Programs.
- b. Murray Foundation c/o Terri Dowell, US Bank. \$2,000 for Hunt Woods Projects.
- c. Cathy Ziglar. 1 – Child and 1 – Youth life jackets. Valued at \$20.00.
- d. Pzazz c/o Kurtis Shaul. \$500.00. Concert at Big Hollow Fundraiser.
- e. Richard Pomon. \$75.00 Shooting Range Donation.
- f. LaVeine Sanitation. 30 yard dumpster for the Mississippi River Clean-up. Value \$65.00.
- g. David Miller. Deer and Goat hides. Valued at \$50.00.
- h. Pamela and James Farr. \$200.00 for the Big Hollow Lake Project.
- i. J. Fresh c/o Hertz Farm Management. \$250.00 for the Big Hollow Lake Project.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer reported that a Shooting Range Advisory Committee had been held on July 20, 2012. Jim updated the board on that meeting. See copy of minutes dated 07-20-12.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** Director Perlstein.
The most recent request, to allow bicycles thru SCP&P, from the IDNR Preserves Board was successful. After the completion of Phase III of the trail then Phase I, which includes the SCP&P trail portion, will be started. Bicycles will not be allowed through the park until that portion has been completed.

Director Perlstein reported that the MOA is still in the hands of the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). There were some wording requirements that were determined by them to need changing. That is or has been done. Still waiting for approval to go back to work on this project.

- c. **Observatory:** Cathy Ziglar. No report.
- d. **REAP:** David Riley reported that a meeting regarding the grant that was just approved by the board had been held previously.

10. Project Updates:

Operations Supervisor Lee:

- The work on Leaky pond, per the Fish Habitat Grant that was received, should start as early as next week.
- Some conveyor belt type material has been secured. It is being used on a trial basis for target backing. It appears to be working well. The use of this material will eventually take the place of the crud board that is currently being utilized.
- Chris reported that he has the on-line Shooting Range Certification Course about half completed. He hopes to have it completed by the time the Top Shot Fundraiser is held.
- Chris met with IDNR representative Ben Burka regarding the potential expansion of our shooting range(s) for certified competition. Mr. Burka has indicated that there are numerous grants available for shooting ranges and their development. He also indicated that the BH shooting ranges were ideal for this type of grant funding. Mr. Burka is working with Chris on a preliminary plan.
- The Big Hollow Beach Bash is scheduled for Saturday August 4th with a starting time of noon.
- Hy-Vee will have their food vending truck on site to serve patrons. The Steamboat Days Committee will be providing the refreshments and will be responsible for that end of the celebration. The stage will be up and several bands will be on the venue. Tickets are \$5.00.

- Big Hollow's RV Campground is being developed. The earthwork has been completed and Edle Earthmoving will be removing equipment prior to the weekend event. Approximately 50% of the 2" rock has been placed at a cost of \$25,000 at \$11.15 per ton. The Secondary Roads department has been instrumental in assisting with one of their older 16 ton dump trucks. Along with conservations 8 ton truck the rock has been placed at a much lesser cost than originally anticipated by the architects. It is anticipated that an estimated additional \$40,000 will be needed to complete the placement of road rock throughout the campground area.
- Seed was planted using, again, the Secondary Roads Hydro-Seeder. The steep slopes were the only area's planted and that was so if and when we do have a rain the soil will not wash into the lake.
- REC has assured Chris that it will cost no more than \$20,000 for electrical in these areas. The beach will have electric service by the weekend of August 4th.
- Rathbun Rural Water is in the process of installing a meter for the new campground area.
- Picnic tables and fire rings for the new area will be expensive. Will probably move tables from other park areas to the campground areas until additional can be built or purchased.
- Due to the fast pace at which the RV campground has recently come together a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Friday August 3rd at 3:00 p.m. Once the ceremony has been completed there will be at least one RV on hand to utilize the new facilities. Others will be welcomed as well. Although there are no electrical or water hook-ups at this time water will be available at the park and individuals can use their own generators. With the burn ban in place campfires will not be allowed.
- The cabin is mostly complete thanks to the SCC Builders class. The window casings and doors have been purchased and Kevin Moore will soon be starting to place those items with the assistance of the Boy Scouts in Troop #1.

11. Old Business:

- a. None

12. New Business:

- a. REAP Grant – Justin Bushong was moved up to Item 3b.
 b. Fee for rental of cabin. – Chris Lee

The only cabin in our area that is the same is in Lee County. That cabin is fully furnished with water and electric. They rent it out at \$55.00 per day.

Chris has recommended that since the Des Moines County Conservation Primitive Cabin will not have water or electric that the fee be \$25.00 per day/night. Weekends would require a two day/night minimum. A total stay of Fourteen (14) days would be in line with our current campground regulations.

- #50** a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Garnjobst, to approve the recommended fees for the rental of the primitive cabin. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

13. Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:

- a. The July 4th Run at SCP&P brought in \$1,300 for the Big Hollow Project.

The River Cleanup will be held on August 11, 2012. This year the event will be starting from Sullivan Slough Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. There will not be a lunch served. The barge that is normally present for the cleanup will not be here. LaVeine Sanitation has donated a 30 yard dumpster for the event. There should be at least one boat from Living Lands and Waters on site. The Board of Supervisors has provided a landfill credit for the disposal of trash that is picked up. The Shoquoquon Boat Club has been notified and should have members on hand.

14. Adjournment:

- #51 a.** A motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to adjourn the August 01, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6.10 p.m...

David Riley, Chair

Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer