

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: None

Others Present: Paul Ziglar, Amanda Delperdang, Chris Lee and Joel Behne

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

None.

4. Approval of Minutes:

#52 Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the minutes of the September 05, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

5. Approval of Report of Activities for August 2012:

#53 a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the reports of activity for September 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. Approval of Claims for August 2012:

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

8. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. Huckleberry Entertainment, DBA Fun City. Beach Bash. \$500.00
- b. Des Moines County Extension, Mediapolis, 30 Programs & materials for EE Programs. Valued at \$3,000.
- c. Zion Church School. \$50.00 for Starr's Cave Nature Center.
- d. Ellen & Bart Orth. Barn own puppet. \$15.00.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer reported:
 - An advisory committee meeting was held on Thursday September 27th. The minutes have not been prepared at present. Minutes will be forwarded to board members when they become available.
 - The 25 and 50 meter shooting ranges have been closed. The closing is the result of an incident that was reported to have taken place prior to Saturday September 29th. An investigation is ongoing and a special Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday October 04. Results will be reported to the board when available. All reservations for range use have been cancelled and will not be allowed until this investigation has been completed. Information has been placed on the website and web calendar regarding the range closure.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** Construction will begin in the next few days. One bulldozer is on site and more heavy equipment is being returned to the site for continued work. Contractor remains confident they can meet the completion deadline of December 31, 2012.

- c. **Observatory:** No report.
- d. **REAP:** The REAP grant application requested for this period was not approved. Other funding sources are being investigated to assist with the purchase of the Baker Property project.

10. Project Updates:

Operations Supervisor Lee:

- Parks are being closed. The campground hosts are gone. Campgrounds are still open but water was turned off at Chautauqua, BH Shooting Range and Welter on October 1st.
- Patrol season is wrapping up. Utilizing the winter schedule for Rangers as a result of campgrounds and parks closing.
- Gahn: Shooting sports. BCHS and Notre Dame on board for next spring. Alliant grant will be applied for next round. Current grant is going to a new six stack clay bird thrower. This use is in keeping with original intent of the land as received.
- Spoke with Kent Rice, today, regarding a preliminary sewer system for BH Campground. Looks like it can be kept under local inspection by the Health Department and less expense with no pump station needed.
- Cabin. Windows have been delivered. Kevin is custom crafting a front door. Interior walls have been completed. Should be weather tight in time for winter.

11. Old Business:

a. 50th Anniversary

- Top Shot was a success! A very good turnout was recorded. Raised 916.00 towards Million in One Year Goal.
- November 3rd will be the Volunteer Dinner and wrap-up event combined at the Burlington Golf Club.

12. New Business:

a. Maintenance & Operations Annual Report

Chris Lee presented the Maintenance & Operations annual report to the board.

13. Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:

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14. Adjournment:

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- a. A motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Steer, to adjourn the October 01, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

David Riley, Chair

Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer