

**1. Call to Order**

Cathy Ziglar, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

**Those Members Present:** Cathy Ziglar, James Steer, Angela Vaughan and LaVon Worley

**Those Members Absent:** Jim Garnjobst

**Others Present:** Kevin Moore, Patrick Moore, David Shadle, Nate Fritz, Terry Gough, Dwight Byerly, Del Howe and Director Lee

**2. a. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**

None

**3. a. Delegations/Public Input:**

Nate Fritz, here regarding Gahn property. Nate represents PF and 4H – Would like to see Gahn have more access to the public. He would like to be able to have an area for kids to shoot trap. Dave Shadle. One of the coordinators for the DM County 4H Shooting sports. Would like to have access to the Gahn area. Anxious to grow their group and have a place to allow kids to shoot.

Del Howe. Talked about shooting trap with PF and wanted to know if it was going to be allowed again.

Kevin Moore: Boy Scouts. Have done some work back in the Gahn area. Inquired in the past to use it for camping, teaching the boys to fish and get them out and to camp. Normally 8 to 12 boys and several adults to be with them. Camps with the boy scouts once a month and areas for camping are hard to come by. Believes it would be a very beneficial location for the boys.

Terry Gough. His group shoots in town during the winter at J Street. They have large crowds 25 or so. When they went out to BH attendance drops in half. Would like to utilize for camping as well.

Dwight Byerly. Representing 4H shooting sports has been 4H leader for 25 years. Interested in using Gahn. Interested in practicing Trap.

The general interest by those individuals listed above would be to utilize this location so as to provide an area for the youth they represent an area to camp, shoot and learn about the outdoors and nature. A location of this nature that is convenient to the Burlington area.

**4. a. Approval of Minutes for May 07, 2014:**

**#43.** Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Angela Vaughan, to approve the minutes of the May 07, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**5. Approval of Report of Activities for May 2014:**

**#44** a. Motion by, LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the reports of activity for May 2014. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**6. Approval of Claims for May 2014:**

**#45.** a. Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the claims for May 2014. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**7. Acceptance of Donations**

None

8. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer – No report
  - b. **Flint River Trails:** No report.
  - c. **Observatory:** LaVon Worley and Jim Garnjobst visited with about 6 members. Viewed Saturn. Learned about the scopes and equipment. Both believed it was a worthwhile evening and was enjoyed by all.
  - d. **REAP:** Cathy Ziglar. Despite Governor Brandstad's veto of the 25 million funding for REAP and all other conservation programs, the Board was pleased that current funding levels were maintained.
9. **Project Updates: By Director Lee**
  - b. Director Lee updated the board on the following projects. Big Hollow, Baker, Starr's Cave Nature Center upgrades and Trails. The update was informational only.
10. **Old Business: Gahn Property**
  - #46. a. Motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to have the Director prepare a management plan proposal for the Gahn property that would take into account past and present discussions as well as input between the board and public. This plan would be for the board to review at a future work session or the next regular board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
11. **New Business:**
  - #47. a. **Fiscal Year End (FYE) 2015 Employee Handbook**  
A motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the FYE 2015 as written. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
  - #48. b. **Special Use Request by Kevin Moore:**  
A motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the use of the Gahn property for a Boy Scout outing for the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
  - #49. c. **Personnel Actions (2)**  
A motion by LaVon Worley, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve offering the Natural Resource Manager Position to Jeremy Yost and the Part Time Conservation Technician Position to Patrick Moore. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
12. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**

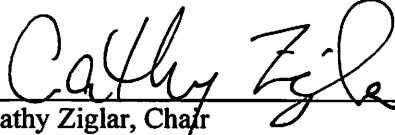
LaVon noted that the presentation by Stan Temple on the Passenger Pigeon was a successful event and on behalf of the Leopold Heritage Group he extended thanks to the DMC Conservation Board and the Rand Trust.

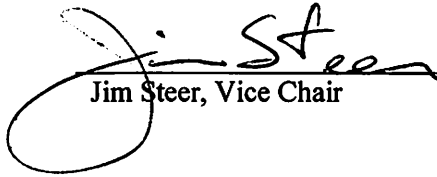
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#50.

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

A motion by Jim Steer, seconded by LaVon Worley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members.

Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on July 02, 2014. The public is welcome.

  
Cathy Ziglar, Chair

  
Jim Steer, Vice Chair