

1. **Call to Order**

LaVon Worley, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

**Those Members Present:** Jim Garnjobst, LaVon Worley, Jim Steer, Cathy Ziglar

**Those Members Absent:** Angela Vaughan

**Others Present:** Director Chris Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer,

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

- a. None.

3. **Delegations/Public Input:**

- a. None

4. **Approval of Minutes for April 05, 2017 :**

- #30 a. Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the minutes of the April 05, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. **Approval of Claims for April 2017:**

- #31 a. Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for April 2017. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. **Acceptance of Donations:**

- a. Dave Wiemer, 13 agates for SCNC.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Shooting Range:** No new items.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** No new items.
- c. **Observatory:** Dr. James Green, Director of the Planetary Science Division at NASA, will be in Burlington for a presentation at Edward Stone Middle School on August 24, 2017. Dr. Green is a 1969 graduate from Burlington High School. This coincides with the 30th year of the Witte Observatory.
- d. **REAP/IWILL:** The IWILL bill did not pass this legislative session. As it stands, REAP will be cut from \$16,000,000 to \$12,000,000 in the budget presented to the Governor.

8. **Project Updates:**

- a. **Big Hollow:** The main line from the treatment plant to Ranger Lane has been installed. The contractor is now working on constructing manholes, and is preparing to begin pipe boring. So far, construction has not impacted any sites. The majority of the 25yd range is complete. All that is left are some cosmetic finishing touches. It was noted we had 4 inches of rain in the last week, and the drainage system is working as intended. There was a theft at the off- grid cabin. Someone stole the sink and window frames.
- b. **Starr's Cave:** The DOT trail crew is here working on erosion control for the section of the Flint River Trail that will run through Starr's Cave. The summer camp registration opened on April 25. All but two camps are full at this time.
- c. **2017 Youth Jamboree:** The youth jamboree is May 13 at Big Hollow. There are still volunteers needed.

- d. **Flint River Trail:** The state has changed laws regarding the bid process. We can no longer ask for qualifications or see a resumé prior to awarding the bid.
9. **Old Business:**
- a. None to report.
10. **New Business:**
- #32 a. **Approval of Updated Camping Rules:**  
Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the changes to the camping rules.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #33 b. **Hunt Wood Timber sale contract**  
Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst to approve the timber sale contract with Pierce Lumber, Inc.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #34 c. **Request for Alcohol at Starr's Cave Nature Center for Two Events:**  
Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jim Garnjobst to approve the requests.  
Motion passed with Cathy Ziglar abstaining.
- d. **Big Hollow Beach & Concession Administration:**  
Discussion was held to staff a shed with a service window close to the beach to sell concessions. These would be mainly items like ice, soda, water, Gatorade and candy bars. Items like ice bait and charcoal were discussed as well. Also discussed was an option to fence the beach and charge admission. The general consensus was to keep the beach free. This will be discussed at future meetings.
- 11 **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. **CCDA Report:** The board reviewed the report from Director Lee.
- 12 **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**  
Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 07, 2017.  
The public is welcome.

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LaVon Worley, Chair

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Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer