

Worth County Conservation Board

Minutes

February 2, 2012

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Other Board members present were Randy Sime, and Justin Faber. Others present were Dean Mueller, Dan Block, and Jim Hanson.

Sime motioned to approve the agenda, Seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Faber moved to accept the January meeting minutes, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Mueller gave the Directors report

1. Winterfest was again a very successful event. Excellent presentations and a large attendance by both employees and college students.
2. No feed back on the budget so it should pass as presented.
3. There will be a director's retreat again this year. It will be held in Polk County in conjunction with the REAP day at the Capitol.
4. Jim did a good job on the habitat stamp presentation. We will receive funding, but it will not be official until after the March NRC meeting.
5. Brett, Jim and I attended the annual OSHA training class at NIACOG yesterday. Next year they are going to provide forklift training, as it turns out we need the training because of the forks that attach to our loader.
6. Our March district 2 meeting will be held in Kossuth Co. and will feature their sugar shack. If you have not seen a good maple syrup program I would recommend this one. (March 15 or 22)
7. Our new pickup is here.
8. Have not heard back from Modus on our building systems. In talking with the Supervisors, it looks like we may be able to put up a storage building this year.

Sime motioned to approve the Directors report, Seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist report

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| 12-Jan | CS 4 | Eye dissections |
| 16-Jan | NK 7 | Hunter Safety (2) |
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| 17-Jan | CS KG | Keeping Warm in Winter |
| 19-Jan | CS KG | Keeping Warm in Winter |
| 19-Jan | Manly assisted living | Bird feeder birds |
| 19-Jan | Manly Care Center | Bird feeder birds |
| 25-Jan | CS 4 | Whales |
| 25-Jan | NK 7 | Hunter Safety (2) |
| 26-Jan | NK 4 | Skulls (2) |
| 27-Jan | NK 7 | Hunter Safety (2) |
| 30-Jan | CS 1 | Rain (2) |
| 30-Jan | NK 2 | Caves (2) |

31-Jan NK 7

Hunter Safety (2)

Jan 3-31 NK 11-12

Ornithology (daily) 18

40 Programs

Started Ornithology class. Going well. Have 21 students as a daily program.

Northwood Hunter safety for 7th grade started.

Intern Nichol is fitting in well. I have her going over all my programs and files with the simple question.... could you (Nichole or other substitute naturalist) do this program with the knowledge you have and the contents of the file (or powerpoint). Most could be answered with an affirmative so far. We are planning to add a checklist to each file and do an inventory of naturalist educational aids, and powerpoint notes.

Nichole has been observing me for the most part (like a teacher intern does), but she has filled in on 4 programs listed above and helped write quiz questions on the ornithology class.

We are trying to find additional programs outside our normal situation. For instance, she planned an ice climbing expedition to Cedar Falls for high school age students in Feb, but we haven't had any takers, the number 1 problem I think is that a majority of them work on the weekend, at least that's what a few of the prime candidates have said.

Mueller extended an invitation to the Annual Spring Board conference in Story County on March 10th at A.M. for \$15 per person.

Talked about the building plans for new shop and office and also talked a little about a storage building.

Todd Bishop called from the DNR wondering if the state could use a couple of our land acquisitions as matches for the some NAWCA grants that he is working on, and it was decided that was fine .

Mowing bids were opened and Kuennen's was awarded to Hogen's and the rest of the contracts were awarded to Lawns Plus-Jesse Anderson pending the passing of a back ground check. Motion by Faber, Seconded by Sime motion carried.

After some discussion on Kuennen's Quarry it was decided to put an advertisement out for a Park host for the upcoming summer. There was also a decision to invite Dave Falk to the next board meeting to discuss options for the park.

Sime moved to pay the following bills

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| Mason City Ford | | \$ 29,999.00 |
| D & L Equipment | | \$ 614.27 |
| Northwood Lumber | | \$ 120.03 |

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| Manly Junction Signal | | \$ 100.00 |
| Northwood Anchor | | \$ 100.00 |
| Carquest Auto Parts | | \$ 76.61 |
| Heartland Power Coop | | \$ 74.11 |
| Dean A Mueller | | \$ 40.00 |
| Fallgatters Market | | \$ 15.59 |
| Ver Helst Snyder Drug | | \$ 11.59 |
| | Total | \$ 31,151.20 |

Seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jim Hanson

Deputy Director

Jeff Vansteenburgh

President