

Worth County Conservation Board
Minutes
February 7, 2013

President Vansteenburgh called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Board members also present were: Justin Faber, and Randy Sime. Also present was Dean Mueller, Dan Block, and Jim Hanson.

Faber moved to approve the agenda, Second by Sime motion carried.

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

Mueller gave the Director's report.

1. Budget was submitted and no changes were requested . Budget hearing will be the first part of March.
2. There was a problem with one of the aerators at Kuennen's, so we ordered another one for a spare.
3. The Director's retreat will be in conjunction with REAP day again this year. The CCDA is setting up a supper meeting with several key legislators and a lunch the next day with department heads from DNR, IDALS and someone from the Governor's staff.
4. Attended an insurance meeting today. Good explanation on how rates are calculated and how our policies like return to work can really affect the rates.
5. Falk said that the water level in the monitoring well has come up one foot this winter.
6. IT had a department head meeting this week to discuss policies on using workplace technologies. Joel also indicated that in the next 6 to 9 months he will have our office on a virtual system. That would do away with computer workstations and we would just have tablets and our records would be stored on a virtual server on the cloud.

Faber move to approve the Director's report, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

Block gave the Naturalist report.

January Naturalist Report

1/4/2013	CS 10	Foods class goose (2)
7-Jan	NK 5	Paul Revere
14-Jan	NK 5	Paul Revere
	Man assisted	
16-Jan	living	Jamestown
18-Jan	CS 4	Fur showcase
21-Jan	CS Pre School	Keeping warm in winter
29-Jan	NK 2	Watershed model (2)
Jan	NK Mam	Mammology class 19 programs
Jan	CS Ecol	Mammology programs 20 programs
Jan	NK 7th	Hunter Safety 18 programs

66 programs in January

Started Mammology class in Northwood, also doing a shorter section of it in Manly Ecology room. Going well. Have 13 students as a daily program in Northwood. Also daily presentations at Manly. Hunter Safety was every other day.

Northwood Hunter safety for 7th grade started.

Planning trip to wolf center for Ecology and Mammology (northwood) class March 8-9. Faber moved to approve the Naturalist report, Seconded by Sime, motion carried.

There was an update as to where we are in the process with the architects and working toward having our public meeting about the cold storage building at Kensett.

Update on IWILL sales tax initiative.

Mueller extended an invitation to board to the March Board Member Spring Conference.

Sime moved to approve the following bills for payment

Northwood Lumber	\$22.28	lumber
City of Northwood	\$34.00	water
North Country Equipment	\$46.50	parts, shipping
Fallgaters	\$68.22	supplies
Heartland Power	\$75.00	electricity
CCDA	\$80.00	dues
Olson Trading Post	\$95.00	pvc pipe
Manly Junction Signal	\$100.00	newsletter
Northwood Anchor	\$100.00	newsletter
Media Com	\$134.90	cable
Visa	\$208.21	hotel, meals
Car Quest	\$218.77	parts
Grafton Welding	\$225.00	fuel tank, drill repair
ISAC	\$260.00	registration
St. Ansgar Plumbing and Heating	\$299.89	repairs
CNH Capital	\$334.04	parts
Brett Backhaus	\$519.99	phone, registration, uniform
Worth Co Engineer	\$565.11	fuel
Truax Co., Inc	\$752.64	drill parts
Alliant Energy	\$817.35	electric service
Worth County Conservation FD	\$1,014.76	meals, registration, supplies

Dean Mueller	\$1,526.63	dry fire, registration, meals
	\$7,525.67	

Seconded by Faber, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

 Jim Hanson
 Deputy Director

 Troy Christianson
 Secretary