

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, January 11, 2010 - 8:00 A.M.  
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Forest City, Iowa

### Minutes

#### Board Members Present

John Carlson  
Mike Korth  
Roger Hermanson  
Dave Thorland  
Rick Hofbauer

#### Staff Present

Robert Schwartz  
Lisa Ralls  
Rick Lillie

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

The January 11, 2010 Board meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The December 14, 2009 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed.

A donation of \$150.00 from B&W Control Specialists, Algona, was approved with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried. The donation is to be applied towards the winter trout stocking program.

Schwartz updated the Board on the status of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) easement for land located in Norway 28 and Newton 28. The easement process is on schedule and should be completed by the February 3, 2010 deadline. Schwartz will be meeting with the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to discuss depositing the EWP payment into the Conservation Board's Trust Fund.

Schwartz explained the need for a Special Projects Fund budget to the Board. The fund would be used to properly track revenues and expenditures for grants and donations that are not considered capital improvement or land acquisition projects. In the past the Board has placed all donation and grants received in the Conservation Trust Fund. After discussion, a motion was made by Hofbauer, seconded by Korth to establish a Special Projects Fund for expenditures and revenues effective July 1, 2010. Unanimous. Motion carried. The Board instructed Schwartz to meet with the Board of Supervisors to request

that they approve the establishment of a Special Project Fund.

The Board reviewed the proposed FY2010-2011 Conservation budget expenditures as presented by Schwartz. The budgets reflect 0% salary increases and a reduction in the Conservation and Roadside Management budgets compared to the current fiscal year. After discussion, a motion was made by Hofbauer, seconded by Thorland to approve the FY2010-2011 proposed budget expenditures as follows: Conservation - \$151,264, General Supplemental – 40,656, Resource Enhancement And Protection (REAP) - \$56,000, Conservation Trust Fund - \$143,900, Special Projects Fund - \$56,500, Roadside Management - \$86,632. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Payment of monthly bills was approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Carlson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M. with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

Robert Schwartz  
Executive Director

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Secretary