

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, July 12, 2010 - 8:00 A.M.
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa

Minutes

Board Members Present

John Carlson
Mike Korth
Roger Hermanson
Rick Hofbauer

Guest

Willie Wubben, BOS

Board Member Absent

Dave Thorland

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Lisa Ralls

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

The July 12, 2010 Board meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Hofbauer. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The June 14, 2010 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Hofbauer. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed.

The Board discussed potential candidates who may be interested in serving as Board members on the Friends of Winnebago County Conservation Foundation. No further action was taken.

The status of the Florence Recreation Area shooting range was discussed. Schwartz reported that electrical service and a security light have been installed at the range but no additional concrete work has been completed. The Board discussed their concern with waiting too long for the contractor to complete the trap house. Hofbauer will try and contact Logan Anderson and see if he feels the work will be completed this summer. No further action was taken.

The Board discussed the possible donation of approximately 11 acres of land including an access easement to Winnebago County from Roger Hermanson. The two parcels of land are located in Section 25, Center Township. Hermanson stated he is planning to talk with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as to whether or not the land is eligible for the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP). If so, he will consider enrolling the

land in the WRP and then donate it to the county. He will let the Board know at next month's meeting.

Schwartz presented the Board with information about the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and its presence in Iowa. After reviewing information about the EAB a motion was made by Hofbauer, seconded by Hermanson to approve of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
July 12, 2010
PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF FIREWOOD
FROM ALL FEDERALLY QUARANTINED STATES AND/OR IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP QUARANTINED IOWA
COUNTIES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Winnebago County Conservation Board of Winnebago County, Iowa as follows:

1. That in accordance with State and Federal guidelines, the Conservation Board hereby prohibits the importation of firewood from select states under the federal Emerald Ash Borer quarantine and/or Iowa counties under the Iowa Department of Land Stewardship quarantine and is hereby adopted for all lands and areas under Conservation Board's control.
2. This resolution shall take effect 10 days after the date of posting.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is true and correct copy of a resolution duly and legally adopted by the Winnebago County Conservation Board of Winnebago County, Iowa at a legal meeting held on this 12th day of July, 2010.

John Carlson

John Carlson, Chairman

Any comments or questions may be directed to Robert Schwartz at (641-565-3390), Winnebago County Conservation Board, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa 50436.

Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

During general discussion Schwartz presented the Board with information about Strategic Planning for future of the Iowa Association Of County Conservation Boards, which they

are voting members of. Schwartz told the Board that they will have the opportunity to vote on the plan this fall, at or before the IACCB Fall Conference to be held in September.

The Board then presented Naturalist, Lisa Ralls with a Certificate of Appreciation for having been employed by the Winnebago County Conservation Board for 25 years. The Board commended Lisa for her service to Winnebago County.

Chairman Carlson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M. with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Korth. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Secretary