

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, December 13, 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  
Rick Hofbauer  
Mike Korth  
Dave Thorland  
Roger Hermanson

Guest

Willie Wubben, BOS  
Al VanHove, TCRA

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz  
Lisa Ralls  
Rick Lillie

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

The December 13, 2010 Board meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Thorland, seconded by Hofbauer. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The November 8, 2010 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Thorland, seconded by Hofbauer. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed.

The status of the Florence Recreation Area trap shooting range was discussed. Schwartz reported that all electrical work at the range has been completed and the grant application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for a second trap thrower has been tentatively approved pending an agreement being signed by both parties. Schwartz informed the Board he had checked on construction of a split rail fence and cost would be approximately \$1,300. 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. Hermanson stated he would like to proceed with the donation of the 4 acre tract of timber and will contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service office regarding enrolling the wetland acres into a farm program. That parcel could be donated at a later date according to Hermanson.

The Board approved the purchase of a new computer system for the Thorpe Park office at a cost of \$1,148.00 from Winn. Tech Central, Lake Mills with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board approved the transfer of \$2,238.00 from the Conservation Trust Fund into the Special Project Fund – Environmental Education account to cover the costs of future public programs with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Korth. Unanimous. Motion carried. The funds in the account are a result of a small surplus building from previous bus trips sponsored by the Winnebago and Hancock County Conservation Boards. Schwartz will now present the matter to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

Thorland left the meeting at 8:45 A.M.

The Board reviewed and discussed FY2011-12 budgets. Schwartz presented the Board with statewide statistics regarding salaries. A motion was made by Hofbauer, seconded by Korth to approve the FY2011-12 budgets as presented. No further discussion. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Al VanHove, President of the Tri-County Recreation Association presented the TCRA 2011 budget to the Board. VanHove indicated membership was down slightly and that operation of the club house continues to be a financial and staffing struggle. After discussion a motion was made by Korth, seconded by Hermanson to approve the Tri-County Recreation Association 2011 budget. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Korth, seconded by Hermanson to approve the lease agreement between the Tri-County Recreation Association and the Winnebago County Conservation Board for 2011. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Carlson adjourned the meeting at 9:21 A.M. with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Korth. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

Robert Schwartz  
Executive Director

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Secretary