

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, August 11, 2008–8:00 A.M.
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa

Minutes

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Mike Korth	Dave Thorland	Willie Wubben, BOS
John Carlson	Rick Hofbauer	
Roger Hermanson		

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Lisa Ralls
Rick Lillie

Chairman Korth called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

The August 11, 2008 meeting agenda and the July 14, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed. Schwartz gave the Board an update on past Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) grant applications that are being considered for several county wildlife areas.

After discussion, Carlson made a motion, seconded by Hermanson to approve Resolution No. 08-0811 to sell railroad right-of-way property for the consideration of \$15,000 to Thomas J. Hadacek and Sue Anne E. Hadacek described as: Former railroad right-of-way consisting of a strip of land 100 feet in width extending over and across the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Section 23, the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, and the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, all in Township 98 North, Range 24 West of the P.M., said strip of land being 50 feet in width of each side of the center line of the main track (now removed) of the Minnesota and Iowa Southern Railway Company (later the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway Company and later the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company), as said main track and centerline was originally located and established over and across said Sections 22, 23 and 26. Subject to roads, easements, exceptions and reservations of record, if any. And to approve a fencing agreement between the Winnebago County Conservation Board and Thomas J. Hadacek and Sue Anne E. Hadacek as written, for that portion of the railroad right-of-way along the Easterly boundary line of the existing Nieman Wildlife Area sufficient to prevent cattle from entering upon the Nieman Wildlife Area. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Hermanson to offer for sale through sealed bids, a 1982 International Dump Truck with a snowplow attachment and to reserve the right to refuse any and all bids with a bid deadline of 4:00 P.M., September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Schwartz will advertise the truck in all local newspapers.

Schwartz gave the Board an update on the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Agreement between the Winnebago County Conservation Board and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The agreements can be used by the IDNR when negotiating with persons convicted of violating the state's waste water discharge regulations.

Remodeling of the Thorpe Park cabin was discussed. The new septic system is scheduled to be installed this week according to Schwartz.

Naturalist, Lisa Ralls gave a report on the July 26th bus trip to Reiman Gardens, Ames and to the Neal Smith NWR, Prairie City. 29 people participated in the trip and all comments were very positive. All expenses including transportation and most meals were paid for through registration fees.

The payment of monthly bills was approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

During general discussion Schwartz informed the Board that Larry Blomster, Buffalo Center had contacted him regarding land for sale in Newton township. The Board instructed Schwartz to contact Mr. Blomster to discuss the matter further and report back at the next meeting.

Chairman Korth adjourned the meeting at 9:13 A.M. with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Thorland. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Secretary