

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, August 17, 2009–8:00 A.M.
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa

Minutes

Board Members Present

Dave Thorland
Roger Hermanson
John Carlson
Rick Hofbauer
Mike Korth

Guest

Willie Wubben, BOS

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Lisa Ralls
Rick Lillie

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

The August 17, 2009 Board meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Thorland, seconded by Hofbauer. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The July 13, 2009 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed.

An Iowa Department of Natural Resources/Winnebago County Conservation Board Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant Agreement in the amount of \$23,800 to be applied towards the purchase of 157 acres owned by William Underbakke in Section 12, Linden Township, Winnebago County, Iowa was approved with a motion from Thorland, seconded by Korth. Unanimous. Motion carried.

An Iowa Department of Transportation/Winnebago County Conservation Board Living Roadside Trust Fund Grant Agreement in the amount of up to \$2,796 to be applied towards the purchase of a pump and motor to be used for prescribed burning on county land was approved with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hofbauer. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Schwartz updated the Board on the status of the Emergency Watershed Protection easements for two county owned wildlife areas. Surveys have been completed and revised options will be sent reflecting a minor change in the acreage of each parcel.

The status of the Hogsback Wildlife Area shooting range was discussed by Schwartz

informing the Board that Darwin Lee was still in process of removing logs and cutting additional trees. Construction of the two shelters will begin soon.

A motion by Carlson, seconded by Thorland to allow target shooting at the Hogsback Wildlife Area shooting range pending completion of the range. The date of the official opening of the shooting range to be determined by the Executive Director. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Naturalist Lisa Ralls gave an overview of a planned co-sponsored bus trip to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Dubuque, Iowa. After discussion, there was a motion from Carlson, seconded by Thorland to approve an October 17, 2009 Winnebago-Hancock County Conservation Board co-sponsored bus trip to National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Dubuque, Iowa. Unanimous. Motion carried. The Board then reviewed a contract between the Winnebago County Conservation Board and the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium for the same trip. The contract between the Winnebago County Conservation Board and the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium on October 17, 2009 for entrance into the museum was approved with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

During the general discussion period Thorland asked what the status was on the development of a trap shooting range at the Florence Recreation Area. Schwartz informed him that the Winnebago County Extension Office has been waiting for clarification on a liability issue from their legal counsel.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Secretary