

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, December 10, 2007 –8:00 A.M.
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa

Minutes

Board Members Present

Mike Korth
Roger Hermanson
John Carlson

Board Members Absent

Rick Hofbauer
DaveThorland

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Rick Lillie
Lisa Ralls

Guests

Willie Wubben, BOS

Vice-chairman Korth called the meeting to order at 8:07A.M.

The December 10, 2007 meeting agenda, November 13, 2007 and November 21, 2007 meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed.

Schwartz updated the Board on the status of the Ambrosion Recreation Area fish habitat stamp grant application. The applications will be reviewed on December 17, 2007. Schwartz explained the Holland wildlife habitat stamp grant application scoring process. The grant applications will be reviewed and scored on January 11, 2008 in Des Moines.

The Board discussed stocking dates for the Florence Rec. Area, Hadacek Recreation Area and Pammel Park if the Forest City Park & Recreation Department approves funding. The stocking will take place prior to January 1, 2008 weather permitting. Schwartz will inform the local media when a date is finalized.

The Board reviewed FY 2008-09 budgets. No further action.

The 2008 Tri-County Recreation Association lease was approved with a motion from Carlson, seconded by, Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously. The TCRA annual budget will be approved at the January meeting.

The election of Conservation Board officer's was held. Nominations for 2008 Board Officer's were approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Carlson as follows: Korth, Chairman, Hermanson, Vice-Chairman and Carlson, Secretary. Unanimous. Election of Officer's was approved with Korth, Chairman, Hermanson,

Vice-Chairman and Carlson, Secretary with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

During general discussion, Carlson stated he has visited a number of county conservation board nature centers and would like the Board to investigate the idea of working on long-range plans for a nature center. Carlson felt a nature center would be an asset to Winnebago County. No further action.

Vice-chairman Korth adjourned the meeting at 9:27 A.M. with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Secretary