

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, July 09, 2007 – 8:00 A.M.
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa

Minutes

Board Members Present

Mike Korth
Rick Hofbauer
Roger Hermanson
John Carlson

Absent

Dave Thorland

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Rick Lillie
Lisa Ralls

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

The agenda was approved with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

The June 18, 2007 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Korth. Motion carried unanimously.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

The Board accepted the \$4,500 donation made by the Winnebago-Hancock Chapter of Pheasants Forever to be used towards acquisition of the 105 acre Stensrude property in Norway township with a motion from Korth, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved the purchase of a John Deere HX15 Rotary Flex mower from Ernie Williams Ltd., Buffalo Center, at a cost not to exceed \$11,600 with a motion from Korth, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously. Schwartz explained that funds generated in 2007 and 2008 by Conservation Board staff mowing county managed lands entered into the wetland reserve program will pay for the mower.

Schwartz informed the Board that the Winnebago Farm Service Agency is requiring that all county leased acres be equal or greater than the certified base acres written in county crop lease agreements where the tenant receives 100% of the Direct Cyclical Payment from U.S.D.A. After discussion the amended crop leases were approved as presented with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Korth. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwartz informed the Board that the Hanson Foundation had denied a request to fund the installation of a new well at Dahle Park at this time. The Board discussed alternative sources of funding for the well. No further action was taken.

Korth left the meeting at 8:47am.

The Board approved October 6, 2007 as the date for the next Operation Releaf tree distribution day at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds, Thompson, with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously. The event is sponsored by Alliant Energy with assistance from the Iowa DNR.

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

Chairman Hofbauer adjourned the meeting at 9:03 A.M. with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Secretary