

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, July 13, 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

Absent

Mike Korth

Guest

Willie Wubben, BOS

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Lisa Ralls

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

The July 13, 2009 Board meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Thorland. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The May 27, 2009 and June 8, 2009 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Carlson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed.

Schwartz updated the Board on the progress of the Thorpe Park cabin renovation project. The cabin has been completed and is available to rent.

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.

Schwartz updated the Board on the status a shooting range at the Florence Recreation Area. Schwartz informed the Board that the ISU Extension Council was still waiting for advice from their legal department regarding the use of the Council's trap thrower and entering into an agreement with the Conservation Board. No further action.

Schwartz informed the Board that the Underbakke property will be visited this week by Habitat Stamp Committee field staff on July 15th and the wildlife habitat grant application will be reviewed in Des Moines on July 17th. Schwartz also informed the Board that a Conservation Trust Fund budget amendment may be necessary to be able to purchase both the Underbakke and Ryerson properties within the 2010 fiscal year. No further action.

The Board reviewed the Emergency Watershed Protection “Option Agreement to Purchase” document that Schwartz has signed and NRCS has approved for contract No. 75-6114-9-9338 otherwise known as the Schmoll tract in Newton 17. The program will permanently enroll 20.6 acres of Winnebago County owned land into the Emergency Watershed Protection program. Schwartz expects a second Option Agreement to be approved before the August Board meeting.

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

Chairman Hermanson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 A.M. with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Carlson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Secretary