

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, July,14, 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 John Carlson Roger Hermanson Rick Hofbauer	Dave Thorland	Willie Wubben, BOS

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Lisa Ralls
Rick Lillie

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

The July 14, 2008 meeting agenda and the June 16, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed.

The Board approved and accepted assignment of an easement for limited recreational purposes and right of first refusal for property located in Section 27 and 34, T99N, R23W of the 5th P.M., Winnebago County, Iowa as per the easement with a motion by Hermanson, seconded by Hofbauer. Motion carried unanimously. The agreement will allow the Board to manage the area for public hunting and trapping.

After discussion, a motion was made by Hofbauer, seconded by Carlson to offer for sale the county owned Winnebago River Trail property in sections 23 and 26 of Forest Township to the adjacent landowners for a price of \$15,000 with the requirement that the new owner will maintain all of the fence where the property borders the Nieman Wildlife Area. Motion carried unanimously. The Board instructed Schwartz to talk with all adjacent landowners to the property and see if a mutual purchase agreement can be worked out.

After discussion, a motion was made by Hofbauer, seconded by Carlson to have the Thorpe Park pay telephone removed due to low usage and the monthly expense. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board accepted donations of \$1,000 from the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District and \$10,000 from the John K. & Luise V. Hanson Foundation to be

used for renovating the Thorpe Park Cabin with a motion by Carlson, seconded by Hofbauer. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, a motion was made by Hofbauer, seconded by Carlson to accept the low bid of Arnie's Well Service in the amount of \$2,614.55 for the installation of new septic system for the Thorpe Park Cabin as per specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Korth adjourned the meeting at 9:05 A.M. with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Thorland. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Secretary