

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, March 10, 2008 –8:00 A.M.  
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Forest City, Iowa

Minutes

Board Members Present

Mike Korth  
Roger Hermanson  
Rick Hofbauer  
John Carlson  
DaveThorland

Guests

Willie Wubben, BOS's

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz  
Lisa Ralls  
Rick Lillie

Chairman Korth called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

The March 10, 2008 agenda and February 11, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Work and budgets reports were reviewed.

Herbicide quotes for 2008 roadside noxious weed control were reviewed. The bid of Van Diest Supply Company of \$12,647.87 was approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Thorland. Motion carried unanimously.

The Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant Agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Winnebago County Conservation Board in the amount of \$72,500 was approved with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hofbauer. Motion carried unanimously. The grant will be applied towards the purchase of 180 acres of land in sections 27, 34, & 35, Center Township.

The Fisheries Habitat Stamp Grant Agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Winnebago County Conservation Board in the amount of \$11,879 was approved with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Thorland. Motion carried unanimously. The grant will be applied towards the installation of rip rap rock on the new dike at the Ambrosion Recreation Area.

The Board accepted a \$1,000 donation from the Winnebago Industries Foundation to be applied towards the installation of a new well at Dahle Park, with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

2008 mowing agreements between the Winnebago County Conservation Board and Ben Martinson, Lake Mills and Travis Hassebroek, Buffalo Center were approved with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously. The agreements are for mowing at Dahle Park, Ambrosion Recreation and the Florence Recreation Area.

Schwartz updated the Board on the status of the Prairie Winds RC&D grant application to remodel the Thorpe Park Cabin on Lake Catherine by stating that review of the application had been delayed. Will discuss at the April Board meeting.

Prescribed burning on public areas and the purchase of a four-wheel drive utility vehicle was discussed. The purchase of a 2008 Polaris Ranger 4x4 from Lake Mills Motor Sports, Lake Mills, Iowa in the amount of \$8,359 with the trade-in of a 1988 Polaris ATV was approved with a motion from Carlson, seconded by Hofbauer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Korth adjourned the meeting at 9:09 A.M. with a motion from Hofbauer, seconded by Thorland. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

Robert Schwartz  
Executive Director

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Secretary