

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, November 13, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.  
At Bill's Family Food, 315 Hwy 69 N., Forest City, Iowa

Minutes

Board Members Present

Mike Korth  
Dave Thorland  
Roger Hermanson  
John Carlson

Absent

Rick Hofbauer

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz

Guest

Willie Wubben, Board of Supervisor

Vice-chairman, Korth called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

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

The October 8, 2007 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Board member Thorland arrived at 7:15 P.M.

Schwartz updated the Board on the status of the Ambrosion Recreation Area dike construction project, Holland Youth Hunting Area and the Lande River Cons. Area wetland restoration projects.

Schwartz updated the Board on the Ambrosion Recreation Area Fish Habitat Project grant application for riprap to be installed on the new dike. After discussion, the Ambrosion Recreation Area Fish Habitat Stamp Grant application in the amount of \$13,199 was approved with a motion by Carlson, seconded by Thorland. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the acquisition of 180 acres of land for sale in sections 27, 34 and 35 of Center Township and adjacent to the Winnebago County Home Farm area. The project would also include perpetual hunting rights to an additional 200 acres of adjacent land in sections 26 and 27 at no additional cost. Schwartz informed the Board that the Iowa DNR is willing to provide a \$100,000 NAWCA grant if the Board pursues this property. Schwartz stated that the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation would also assist with the acquisition by acquiring it now and later selling the property to Winnebago County after all funding is secured. After discussion, a motion was made by Carlson,

seconded by Thorland, to offer Charles Holland, through the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, \$950 per acre or a total of \$171,000 for the acquisition of 180 acres in Sections 27, 34 and 35, T99N, R23W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Winnebago County, Iowa including perpetual hunting rights to 200 acres of land in sections 26 and 27, T99N, R23W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Winnebago County, Iowa. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was then made by Hermanson, seconded by Carlson to approve an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant in total the amount of \$172,550 requesting \$72,550 to be applied towards the purchase of 180 acres of habitat in sections 27, 34 and 35, T99N, R23W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Winnebago County, Iowa. The purchase to include, hunting rights to 200 acres in sections 26 and 27, T99N, R23W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Winnebago County, Iowa. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Thorland, to expend \$1,920 from the REAP fund to purchase trout to be released in December 2007 at the Florence Recreation Area, Hadacek Recreation Area and Pammel Park if the Forest City Park and Recreation Department contributes \$300. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwartz informed the Board he is currently working on fiscal year 2008-09 budgets. No further action was taken.

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

Vice-chairman Korth adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M. with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Thorland. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

Robert Schwartz  
Executive Director

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Secretary