

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, September 10, 2007 – 8:00 A.M.
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa

Minutes

Board Members Present

Mike Korth
Dave Thorland
Rick Hofbauer
Roger Hermanson

Absent

John Carlson

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Lisa Ralls
Rick Lillie

Guest

Willie Wubben, Board of Supervisor

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

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

The August 13, 2007 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hermanson, seconded by Korth. Motion carried unanimously.

Work and budget reports were reviewed. Schwartz informed the Board that the Natural Resource Conservation Service has a private landowner who is looking for 8 acres of wetland to restore as part of a potential wetland mitigation project, which would be completed on county owned property.

The Operation Relief Agreement between the Winnebago County Conservation Board and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources was approved with a motion from Thorland, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously. Trees will be distributed at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds on October 6, 2007.

Schwartz updated the Board in the Ambrosion Recreation Area Fish Habitat Project. Work on the new dike and the elimination of fish from the ponds will start soon. Fish will be restocked in 2008. Jim Wahl, Fisheries Biologist with the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources will be working with Winnebago County staff during the application of fish pesticide to.

Schwartz informed the Board that Fish Habitat Grant applications are due the last working day of November 2007. Schwartz informed the Board that he has been appointment chairman of the District II Fish Habitat Committee for 2007.

Wetland restoration bids for work on the Lande River Conservation Area-Rognes tract were reviewed. After discussion a motion was made by Korth, seconded by Thorland to accept the \$21,887 low bid of Vernon Martinson, Lake Mills to complete the project as per Natural Resource Conservation Service specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Hofbauer adjourned the meeting at 9:07 A.M. with a motion from Korth, seconded by Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Secretary