

1. **Call to Order**

LaVon Worley, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

Those Members Present: Jim Garnjobst, LaVon Worley, Jim Steer and Angela Vaughan

Those Members Absent: Cathy Ziglar

Others Present: Director Chris Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, John Mercer, Jeremy Yost, Pat Rogge

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. None

3. **Delegations/Public Input:**

- a. None

4. **Approval of Minutes for February 08, 2017 :**

- #17 a. Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by Angela Vaughan to approve the minutes of the February 08, 2017 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. **Approval of Claims for January 2017:**

- #18 a. Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the claims for February 2017. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. **Acceptance of Donations:**

- a. Alice Hilyer. \$100 to Big Hollow.
- b. Terry Davis. Birdhouses for Starr's Cave.
- c. Big River Resources. \$500 for Big Hollow Fundraising Campaign.
- d. David Wiemer. \$100 for nature books.
- e. John Witte Foundation. \$5,000 for Big Hollow Campground Improvements.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Shooting Range: No new items.
- b. Flint River Trails: No new items.
- c. Observatory: There was a meeting in February with another one scheduled for March 16, 2017. They are still researching the outside mount for the new scope. They are bringing someone in from NASA for a program at Edward Stone Middle School, similar to what they have done in the past.
- d. REAP/IWILL: No new items.

8. **Project Updates:**

- a. **Big Hollow:** Bids for the shower house, dump station and site upgrades will be opened at 10:00 AM on March 02, 2017. There will be a special Board meeting March 15, 2017 to select the contractor.
- b. **Flint River Trail:** There was a site meeting between DMCC, DOT and the engineers. The project will be bid out at a future date with oversight by both the DNR and DMCC. The DNR trail crew may still be used for the first phase.
- c. **FEMA Boat Ramp Project:** The resurfacing of the parking lots are on hold until the Mississippi recedes.

- d. **Wildlife Diversity Grant:** DMCC has received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for forestry work on the Linder property.
 - e. **Kiwanis Grant:** SCNC will receive a \$5,000 grant from Kiwanis. The grant will be used to hire additional day hires to expand EE programs.
 - f. **Ecommerce / Mobile Pay:** All of the applications have been submitted. The initial application has been approved. We are in the process of identifying the equipment needs for accepting mobile payments.
9. **Old Business:**
- a. None
10. **New Business:**
- #19 a. **Execution of Grazing Agreement for Hickory Bend Pending Review by County Attorney:**
Motion by Angela Vaughn, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the agreement with Brent Eberhardt.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #20 b. **Execution of Farm Contract Agreement Pending Review by County Attorney:**
Motion by Jim Garnjobst, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the agreement with Jason Hinson.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #21 c. **Execution of Cooperative Fish Habitat Agreement with Iowa DNR:**
Motion by Angela Vaughn, seconded by Jim Garnjobst to approve the agreement.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #22 d. **Camp Fee Schedule for 2017:**
Motion by Angela Vaughn, seconded by Jim Garnjobst to approve the new camp fee schedule.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- 11 **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. None
- 12 **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.**
Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 15, 2017. The public is welcome.

LaVon Worley, Chair

Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer

