

1. Call to Order

Jim Garnjobst, 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, Cathy Ziglar and Angela Vaughan

Those Members Absent: James Steer and LaVon Worley

Others Present: Director Chris Lee, Natural Resource Manager Jeremy Yost and Office Manager Behne

2. a. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

None.

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. 11 c. Missing Donor

4. a. Approval of Minutes for July 06, 2016:

#37. Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the minutes of the July 06, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Reviewed Reports of Activities for July 2016:

6. a. Approval of Claims for July 2016:

#38. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Angela Vaughan, to approve the claims for July 2016. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

7. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. None.

8. Committee Reports:

a. **Shooting Range:** No report.

b. **Flint River Trails:** Angela Vaughan report that she attended a meeting for the first time since being appointed.

Two parking lots and the corridor have been completed.
DOT now will need to sign off on project.
Monies provided by State. No cost to County Conservation.

c. **Observatory:** No report.

d. **REAP/IWILL:** Cathy Ziglar reported that she has been researching the makeup of the local REAP committee. Cathy provided a copy of the state code regarding the requirements for that makeup to board members present.

A REAP meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th at 5:30 at the Conservation Office.

Des Moines County's local 5 year plan was last updated in 2014.

9. Project Updates: By Director Lee

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- This will be the last week for the Urban Youth Corp and the team from AmeriCorp to be hosted by Des Moines County Conservation. There will be an appreciation dinner to recognize Alex and both youth teams. The dinner will be held on August 4th starting time will be 5:00 p.m. at the Drake. Board members are invited to attend.
 - These groups have provided much needed support for Big Hollow Recreation Area and the Flint River Trail system. They have cleared new trails that would not have been created as there is just not enough staff for those kinds of needed projects. Both teams have provided much during their short time here.
 - Summer camps are over. Scheduling for the area teachers will begin on August 15th. Reservations for these time slots are filled as quickly as the summer camps.
 - Staff will be making a field trip to Lake McBride on August 29. This will give all an opportunity to see what others are doing, gain new ideas and build on existing programs.
 - Young Guns will be meeting tonight, August 03 and again next Wednesday for the last time. This program has been well attended.
 - The fall IACCB Conference reservations have been made. Attending will be Director Lee, Board Members Ziglar and Worley as well as Natural Resource Manager Yost.
 - REAP Grant is about complete. Jeremy Yost will address it under New Business.
 - Water Quality Team met again. This would be the group that was placed to work on the upstream side of the Big Hollow Lake watershed. To include members of the US Gypsum Plant, Iowa DNR, NRCS, USDA. Those involved will meet sometime after the first of the year. The plan is to request access to private land along that corridor for the purpose of determining what can be done to enhance the water quality prior to entering the Big Hollow Lake.
 - Volunteer Dinner will be held at the Capitol Theater on August 27th. Attendance for our volunteers will be free admission. Tickets are available to the public for \$15.00. Invitations have just gone out.

10. Old Business:

- a. Foundation MOU. It was a consensus to continue working on this document.

11. New Business:

a. REAP Grant.

Natural Resource Manager Yost provided the board with a copy of his narrative. This grant will be submitted in an effort to obtain funding for the purchase of the 104.8 acre property belonging to the family of Harold Linder. This property is available to Des Moines County Conservation as family members feel so strongly about maintaining this property in a manner consistent with the wishes and efforts of Harold Linder. Because of that they are willing to sell the land for \$250,000, or 59% of the \$419,000 appraised value. The donated value of the appraised value qualifies as our local match. This will allow Des Moines County Conservation to obtain this valuable property for the public's use at no cost to the taxpayer. The grant application was signed by Chairman Garnjobst.

- #39.** Motion by Angela Vaughan, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to move forward with the REAP Grant process. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

b. Park Rules.

Director Lee presented the Board a newly designed Park Rules Brochure. These are the rules that we currently follow, along with state law and rules that are applicable that have never been spelled out in one document.

This brochure will allow our visitors to know what rules need to be followed when utilizing our public areas. Brochures will be printed and made available once approved.

#40. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Angela Vaughan, to approve the Park Rules Brochure as written. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

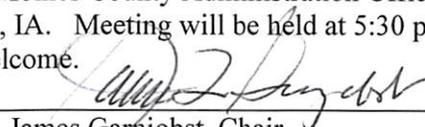
- c. Missing donor.** This item was added under additions and deletions by Chairman Garnjobst. Chairman Garnjobst was contacted by Richard Goughnour regarding the Big Hollow Donor Wall. He asked if his name was included. It had not been. Richard had made an in-kind donation in 2004 at the start of the fundraising campaign. The donation was printed materials from his New Era Printing business. The documentation for that donation was located in the Partners for Conservation Files. Chairman Garnjobst will contact Mr. Goughnour.

12. Informational Items/Correspondence:

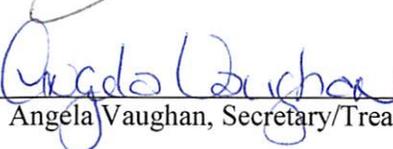
- a. None.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday September 07, 2016. The public is welcome.



James Garnjobst, Chair



Angela Vaughan, Secretary/Treasurer