SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING WEST LAKE PARK – HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

March 3, 2005

Board members present: Leone Bredbeck Carol Fennelly Rich Mohr Board members absent: Skip O'Donnell Gene Weis

<u>Others present:</u> Roger Kean, Director Marc Miller, Operations Manager Jan DePover, Conservation Assistant Deirdre Baker

Chairman Leone Bredbeck called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: The minutes of February 9 were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to approve the minutes from the February meeting as presented, seconded by Ms. Fennelly, and passed.

BILLS:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to approve the bills from February as presented, seconded by Ms. Fennelly, and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECAP:

Follow-up to last month's notice of final plat review for Dexter Acres was made by Roger Kean on Mr. Mohr's concerns on the watershed and how it would affect Scott County Park. Planning & Zoning will work on insuring proper measures are in place to monitor erosion control.

BUSINESS:

Beach House Update:

The building is up and the roof is on. They will be installing windows, shingles, pouring concrete and building a deck soon. The jetty is finished and the lake level is coming up. Chad Brus has been fantastic to work with. He does everything he can to save the County money.

Approval of Spring Golf Special:

John Valliere, Golf Professional for Glynns Creek Golf Course, requested approval of a Spring Special charging our 9-hole rate for 18 holes Monday thru Thursday the same as we did in 2004. This comes to \$23.00 per person. Each player would be required to rent a cart to get this special rate. On weekends, we would charge our weekday fee of \$31.00 as we did last year. He would like to run the special from opening day until May 1.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the spring golf special as presented, running from opening day until May 1, seconded by Mr. Mohr and passed.

Approval of North Scott Junior Season Pass

John Valliere recommended approving the request from the North Scott Boys and Girls Golf Coaches for a junior season pass for active high school players. He would limit this pass to nonpeak playing times.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to approve the extending the privilege of the Junior Season Pass for 2005 to the North Scott Boys and Girls Golf Teams with limited playing times set by John Valliere, seconded by Ms. Fennelly and passed. This pass is to be reviewed yearly.

Approval of Annual Deer Report

Marc Miller presented the Deer Report for the 2004 Scott County Park Controlled Deer Hunt. Marc said that this year they would like to harvest 100 deer with 50 hunters. They will be offering a 2nd license to everyone, but expect to have at least 10 permits left over. With these, they would promote hunting for youth and disabled hunters with a Conservation Team from our staff available to help those who would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn to hunt. A formal recommendation will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the 2004 Annual Deer Hunt Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Mohr and passed.

Approval of DNR Trout Stocking Proposal:

Roger Kean was contacted by the IDNR with a trout stocking proposal. They are going to select 3 different sites to stock our lakes with 5,000 trout in the fall. If we are selected as one of the sites, the DNR asks that we would do a public promotion and hold fall events (a fishing derby or something similar). They could possibly stock the lake at three different times, starting in October. The trout would not be able to live in our lakes in the summer months, so by stocking in the fall and holding a fishing event, we would be providing fall and winter activities in the park. Trout would also be available for ice fishing. Mr. Kean asked for the authority to contact the DNR and let them know that the Conservation Board would be interested in this proposal.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to give Roger Kean the authority to contact the IDNR and let them know that the Board is interested in their proposal, seconded by Ms. Fennelly and passed.

Presentation of UNI "Visioning" Proposal

Roger Kean has been contacted by Jill Lankford, Research Coordinator from the University of Northern Iowa. UNI made a proposal of having their graduate students do a work program for the Scott County Conservation Board's 50th Anniversary Visioning Project. This is very much like the proposal that was presented to the Board in December by a private consultant, but at half the cost. Mr. Kean would like the Board to give him authorization to pursue getting grants for the project, to find out if it is feasible, what it will cost, etc., and then come back to the Board with his findings. If we do have the students do this project, they could also be presenters at different programs during the 2006 Conference.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to authorize Roger Kean to pursue getting grants and find out the feasibility of the project and then bring this information back to the Board, seconded by Ms. Fennelly and passed.

Wireless Internet Fees Discussion

Previously the Board had decided to offer wireless internet access free at the golf course, cabins and camp grounds at Scott County Park. Since then Mr. Kean found out that if we do this, we will not have a secure site and will be creating the opportunity for identity theft to hackers. GPS Industries is offering very low suggested fees that will guarantee a secure site for those wanting to access the wireless internet. The suggested fees are as follows: \$2.95 for 1 hour good for 90 days; and for consecutive hours - \$3.95 for 4 hours; \$5.95 for 24 hours; \$11.95 for 72 hours; and \$19.95 for 7 days.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve using the suggested fees as presented, seconded by Mr. Mohr and passed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Mohr, seconded by Ms. Fennelly and passed.

Chairman