

**SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
WEST LAKE PARK – HEADQUARTERS**



October 18, 2006

Board members present:

Rich Mohr  
Skip O'Donnell  
Carol Fennelly  
Beth McAleer

Board members absent:

Gene Weis

Others present:

Roger Kean, Director  
Marc Miller, Operations Manager  
Jan DePover, Conservations Assistant

Rich Mohr, Chairman called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of September 12, 2006 were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the minutes from the September meeting, seconded by Ms. McAleer, and passed.

**BILLS:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the bills from September as presented, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, and passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECAP:**

Two letters of Congratulations to John Valliere:  
Letters were received from the Iowa Section of the PGA and from the Scott County Board of Supervisors congratulating John Valliere on being named the 2006 PGA Merchandiser of the Year for public golf facilities by the Iowa PGA Section. The award recognizes excellence in business and merchandising at private, public and resort golf facilities. John continuously demonstrates innovative methods and techniques and the ability to sell a great variety and quantity of merchandise each year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BUSINESS:**

***Approval of Wapsi Center Utility Easement Contracts:***

Central Iowa Power Cooperative did some upgrading on their utility line that runs through the property at the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center. While reviewing the easement contracts, they found that they did not have any. Two contracts are needed since the property is in both Scott County and Clinton County.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to accept the right-of-way easement contracts as presented, seconded by Ms. Fennelly, and passed.

***IACCB Conference Recap:***

Roger Kean said that there is approximately \$2,100 left to pay out on conference expenses. After all expenses are paid, we should have approximately \$18,000 that will go to the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (I.A.C.C.B.). The total attendance was approximately 313 people from 50 counties in the state of Iowa. Total registration fees received were \$33,355 and funds from silent auction, live auction and raffle tickets amounted to \$9,143. Rich Mohr said that on behalf of the Board, he felt the conference was first class all the way!

***Plant Some Shade Update:***

This program is put on by MidAmerican Energy and the DNR with the Conservation Board doing the distribution and administrative work. Over 300 trees were purchased by 140 customers and were distributed in a two hour period by the Conservation Staff with the help of the DNR and a representative from MidAmerican Energy. The Conservation Board does receive an administrative fee for their efforts along with some trees that are planted in the County Parks.

***Deer Hunt Update:***

Marc Miller said 81 applications were received requesting to hunt at the Scott County Park Controlled Hunt and 50 were selected. In that group, two are disabled and two are youth hunters. The Wapsi Center received 23 applications and 12 were selected for that controlled hunt. That group included one disabled hunter. Special consideration will be given to them during the shooting proficiency testing (allowing them to shoot from a sitting position). Blinds will also be available to them during the hunt.

***Pool Update:***

Roger Kean gave a construction update. He said the concrete decking and pipe has been removed and new pipe put in. They will be setting the surge tanks on Friday of this week. During this process, it was noted that the piping from the main drain has corrosion problems and a fifty foot section of the line may have to be replaced.

***Golf Report:***

Roger Kean gave the golf report for September. The report showed that it rained most weekends. Rounds are lower also because most young adults are spending more time with their families and are involved in their children's sports activities. They don't feel they can spend four or five hours on the golf course away from the family. Mr. O'Donnell said that was the trend everywhere.

***Discussion of Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors:***

Roger Kean will give a brief summary on the IACCB Conference and an update on the pool. The Board thought we should also show them the results of the UNI Visioning Survey. The meeting with the Board will be at 5:30 p.m. so our Board will meet at 4:00 p.m. instead of the usual 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Ms. McAleer, and passed.

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Chairman

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Secretary/Treasurer