

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



December 13, 2006

Board members present:

Rich Mohr
Skip O'Donnell
Carol Fennelly
Gene Weis
Beth McAleer

Board members absent:

Others present:

Marc Miller, Operations Manager
Jan DePover, Conservations Assistant
Bob Bryant, Retiring Wapsi Center Director
Dave Murcia, Wapsi Center Director
Deirdre Baker, QC Times

Rich Mohr, Chairman called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: The minutes of November 8, 2006 were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the minutes from the November meeting, seconded by Mr. Weis, and passed.

BILLS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECAP:

- ◆ Letter from George Gitter (Participant in SCP Deer Hunt)
- ◆ Card from Donald Mott (Participant in SCP Deer Hunt)
- ◆ Invitation from Pheasants Forever
Rich Mohr said he would plan to attend to receive the award for Scott County Conservation Board's efforts on behalf of Iowa's wildlife, soil, water and air.
- ◆ IACCB Spring Conference Registration – Ms. McAleer will try to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS:

Recognition of Bob Bryant on his Retirement:

Bob Bryant was recognized and thanked by the Board members for fourteen years of service with the Conservation Board. They wished him a good luck in his retirement. Bob thanked the Board and said how much he has enjoyed working for the Conservation Board. The Board received an invitation to Bob's retirement party on January 12th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Introduction of New Wapsi Center Director:

Dave Murcia was introduced as the new director of the Wapsi Center. Dave told the Board members a little bit about him. He worked for the Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He graduated from Bettendorf High School and St. Ambrose University and is happy to be working back in this area.

Approval of the 2007 Holiday Schedule:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the 2007 Holiday Schedule as presented, seconded by Ms. Fennelly, and passed.

Approval of the 25th Annual Frostbite Footrace:

Marc Miller said that we have never had any problems with the race or the race directors.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. McAleer to approve the race date of Saturday, January 27th for the 25th Annual Frostbite Footrace to be held at Scott County Park with the activities to be held at the Whispering Pines Shelter, seconded by Mr. Weis, and passed.

Approval of the Capital Improvement Projects for FY'08:

Marc Miller gave details on the following capital improvement projects: The second phase of the Pool & Aquatic Center Renovations, Road Repair for Scott County Park and for West Lake Park, Dammann Building Improvements at the Pioneer Village, replacement of the Wapsi Center Residence, Summit Restroom Improvements, and a Frisbee Golf course at West Lake Park.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Weis to approve submitting the Capital Improvement Projects as presented for the FY'08 Budget to the Scott County Board of Supervisors, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, and passed.

Deer Hunt Update:

Marc Miller said the weather during the hunt was snowy, cold, and windy. We were able to harvest only 2/3 of what we had hoped for. Dave Ong will present a more detailed report at a future Board Meeting.

Grant Update - SCRA:

Marc Miller said we did receive a \$45,000 grant from SCRA during the fall grant cycle to be applied to the pool renovations. We will receive \$25,000 in the spring of 2007 from RDA and another \$25,000 in the fall of 2007 from the RDA also for the pool renovations.

Golf Report:

Marc Miller presented the final golf report for the season. The golf course is closed until next spring. They are currently selling golf gift certificates for Christmas presents at the clubhouse.

Pool Update:

Mr. Mohr asked how the construction was going on the mechanical building for the pool. Mr. Miller said that the walls are going up this week. Ms. Fennelly asked the Board what they thought about having a plaque made and put up at the pool in memory of Leone Bredbeck since heating the pool had been one of her main concerns. She asked that they think about it for future action.

Marc Miller informed the Board that 1,500 trout will be put in Lake of the Hills at West Lake Park on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. and that Mike Granger, Wapsi Center Naturalist, will be conducting an ice fishing class on Thursday, January 11, 2007.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 10 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer