

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



January 10, 2007

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Others present:

Roger A. Kean, Director
Marc Miller, Operations Manager
Jan DePover, Conservations Assistant
Deirdre Baker, QC Times

Rich Mohr, Chairman called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: The minutes of December 13, 2006 were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

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

BILLS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECAP:

- ◆ Thank you note was received from the family of Elaine Sweeney.
- ◆ Letter was received from Janice DePover notifying the Board of her retirement in March. Roger Kean said they will be able to start the recruitment process for an Administrative Assistant after he talks to Human Resources, possibly having someone start before April.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

Currently the officers are Rich Mohr as Chairman, John (Skip) O'Donnell as Vice-Chair, and Carol Fennelly as Secretary.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Weis that the current slate of officers be reinstated for the year 2007, seconded by Ms. McAleer, and passed.

I.A.C.C.B. Conference Final Report:

The Board was given a copy of the final report for the I.A.C.C.B. Conference that Scott County hosted. The report included the financial summary, attendance numbers and participation by Iowa counties. I.A.C.C.B. received \$19,400.99 which included \$16,900.99 total profit made at the conference and \$2,500.00 seed money originally received from I.A.C.C.B.

Request to use West Lake Park for 8th Annual Quad Cities Triathlon:

Eric Sarno, Race Director of the Quad Cities Triathlon submitted a letter requesting use of West Lake Park for the 8th Annual Quad Cities Triathlon. Roger Kean and Marc Miller said this has gone very well in the past and they expect to have 600 participants again this year.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the request by Eric Sarno to host the 8th Annual Quad Cities Triathlon at West Lake Park on Saturday, June 16, 2007 as presented, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, and passed.

Request for Water Trails Program Support from Clinton County:

Roger Kean said that Clinton County Conservation Board is researching the possibility of creating a water trail that would connect its public lands and communities. They are asking Scott County Conservation Board and others to partner with them on this project. That way they will be able to seek funding from many sources, such as the Iowa DNR and possibly on the federal level.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Weis to approve giving support and partnering with Clinton County on the Water Trails Program project, seconded by Ms. McAleer, and passed.

Approval of the Rates and Fees for 2007:

Roger Kean said the staff recommends leaving the fees for 2007 as they were in 2006.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Weis to approve the fees for 2007 as presented with minor wording clarification on the rate cards, seconded by Ms. Fennelly, and passed.

Trout Stocking Update:

Marc Miller said on January 13 (this Saturday morning) at 10:30 a.m. 1,500 Rainbow trout and 4 brood fish will be released in Lake of the Hills at West Lake Park. He also said the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center with assistance from Gander Mountain will conduct an ice fishing class at the Campground Office, Gate 5 on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Pool Update:

Mr. Kean said that the mechanical building is up, roof is on it, and the grading is done around it. The subcontractor will be back to install pumps. Inspections have gone well and everything is on target with the current phase. He said he will need the Board's approval to go forward with the second phase – the restrooms, family restroom (handicapped facility) and waterslide (speed slide and spiral slide). He said Dave Burbach will be at next month's Board Meeting to talk about the bathroom and slide options.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to approve giving Roger Kean authorization to have Dave Burbach move forward on Phase II and III of the second phase of the project which includes the design of the restrooms, seconded by Ms. McAleer, and passed.

Roger Kean said in the future he would like to have a rededication of the pool and have a plaque made giving recognition to the Board with special recognition to Leone Bredbeck for their involvement in the pool renovation project.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer