

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



October 17, 2007

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Others present:

Roger A. Kean, Director
Marc Miller, Deputy Director
Barb Harden, Administrative Assistant
Kurt Allemeier, QC Times Reporter
Jerry Jackson, QC All Breed Horse Assn

NOTE: Meeting date was changed from October 10th to October 17th because of scheduling conflicts.

Rich Mohr, Chairman called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: The minutes of September 12, 2007 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, all in favor and passed.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Jackson representing QC All Breed Horse Association thanked the Board for approving the use of Scott County Park for their benefit ride on October 13th. He also brought a letter thanking the Scott County Park staff for their "extra effort and work".

CORRESPONDENCE RECAP:

Letter from Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services, Inc.

Roger brought this letter to the Board's attention so they were aware of the situation. Roger spoke with the staff attorney at the Iowa P&A Services to discuss the events described in the letter. Basically they wanted to inform us of the provisions of the ADA that "reasonable accommodation" is required under Iowa law for persons with disabilities. Roger stated that we will reinforce and review with all staff, including seasonal employees that these regulations need to be followed.

BUSINESS:

Trout Stocking at Lake of the Hills, West Lake Park on October 20th:

This is the fourth trout release by the Iowa DNR at West Lake Park. We are one of the few parks that have this program because we have such good public exposure and good attendance – weather allowing!

Scott County Park/Wapsi Deer Hunt Update:

There were 67 applications for the Scott County Park hunt with 50 being selected and there were 15 applications for the Wapsi with 12 selected. There are 13 people that have to attend and pass the November 3rd Hunter Safety/Orientation class and Shooting Proficiency test. There was some discussion about the number of applications declining due to the unlimited deer tags hunters can obtain for the regular hunting season. Overall, it was felt that since there are few public hunting areas in Scott County to hunt that our park hunt applications will still be adequate.

Purchase of three 4x4 Extended Cab ½ Ton Pickup Trucks:

Purchases of the new pickup trucks are routine equipment replacement. We received bids as follows:

Lujack Auto Plaza	5'8" bed	\$23,834
Lujack Auto Plaza	6'6" bed	\$24,115
Karl Chevrolet, Inc.	5'8" bed	\$23,899

The staff recommended accepting the low bid from Lujack's for the 5'8" bed at \$23,834.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the purchase of three (3) 5'8" bed pickup trucks in the amount of \$23,834 each, from Lujack Auto Plaza, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

General Overview of Possible Projects for the FY '09 Budget Submission:

Proposed projects and their estimated costs were discussed with the Board. There was some discussion about each of the projects and the Board was asked to let Roger or Marc know of any other ideas for projects they may want to include.

Discussion of 2007 REAP Assembly:

Roger attended the October 9th meeting which was held at the Scott County Administration Building for Scott and Muscatine counties. The Board was encouraged to contact State legislators to request that we keep full REAP funding.

Pool Project Update:

Roger informed the Board that the water slide installation is going smoothly and showed pictures of the progress. All work on the pool project is going well.

Golf Report:

The regular monthly reports were in each Board member's folder for review.

Request from Quad Cities Triathlon for annual race event – West Lake Park:

The Quad Cities Triathlon requested to use West Lake Park on Saturday, June 14, 2008 starting at 7:00 a.m. for the 9th Annual Quad Cities Triathlon.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the use of West Lake Park for the Quad Cities Triathlon on Saturday, June 14, 2008 for their 9th Annual race seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

Request from QC Multisport Iowamen Sprint Triathlon Race – Scott County Park:

The QC Multisport Company requested permission to use Scott County Park for their 1st Annual Iowa Man Sprint Triathlon on Saturday, September 6, 2008. After review and discussion it was decided to table this request until the next monthly meeting.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to table the request from the QC Multisport Company to use Scott County Park for their Triathlon Race until next meeting to determine a policy for these requests, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Feedback on the NRPA Conference in Indianapolis on 9/25-9/27/07

Everyone felt the sessions were beneficial and enjoyed the area. Next year's conference will be in Baltimore on October 14 - 18.

Presentation of Certificates Received from IACCB Fall Conference:

Mr. O'Donnell was presented with a framed certificate and patch in appreciation for his 5 years of service on the Scott County Conservation Board. Ms. Fennelly was presented with a framed certificate and pin in appreciation for her 10 years of service on the Scott County Conservation Board.

Discussion of Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors on November 14th:

Roger is preparing information on golf course strategies, marketing, and customer service training to present to the Board of Supervisors. Our regular monthly board meeting will be held at the same time as always with the Joint Meeting starting afterwards at 5:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at the Scott County Conservation Board Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer