

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



June 11, 2008

Board members present:

Skip O'Donnell
Carol Fennelly
Gene Weis

Board members absent:

Rich Mohr
Beth McAleer

Others present:

Roger A. Kean, Director
Marc Miller, Deputy Director
Barb Harden, Administrative Assistant
Eric Sarno, QC Triathlon
Dave Murcia, Director, Wapsi Center

Skip O'Donnell, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 23rd meeting were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the minutes from the May meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

BILLS: Reviewed for the month of May.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE RECAP:

- ◆ Board reviewed the letter from the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards concerning filling a 3-year term on that Board.
- ◆ Roger Kean told the Board about receiving the Silver Award and 100% Participation Award from United Way.
- ◆ Board members were given a Life Jacket Codes Quick Sheets for their information

BUSINESS:

Approval of Grant to the Wapsi Center from NRPA Take Me Fishing:

Dave Murcia, Director of the Wapsi Center, asked for Board approval to review and accept a \$10,000 grant from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Take Me Fishing Anchor Agency Agreement. This is an exciting opportunity for the Wapsi Center to create opportunities to introduce local youth to environmental education and hopefully help them develop lifelong hobbies. Dave is planning on working closely with the school districts and other environmental organizations to develop programs.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve accepting the grant from the NRPA Take Me Fishing Anchor Agency Agreement as presented and commended Dave Murcia for his efforts in securing the grant, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Special Event Permit Application from Quad Cities Triathlon:

Eric Sarno, Race Director for the QC Triathlon, was present to explain how the triathlon is organized and their commitment to running a professional event. They have received many great comments about how nice West Lake Park is and that it is a perfect place for their event. Participation has been limited to 600 people and they have started to see larger local participation.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Weis stating that the Board wants to continue to support this event and approves the date of June 20, 2009 for the QC Triathlon as described in the application, a \$1,000 fee and capping the number of participants at 600, seconded by Ms. Fennelly, all in favor and passed.

Special Event Permit Application from Susan L. Bader Foundation:

The Board reviewed the application and with staff recommending approval as based on previous events they do not require much help from our staff and the event pays for the shelter they use.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the date of June 21, 2008 to use Scott County Park as shown in their application, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Golf Report:

The report was reviewed and discussed.

Approval of Preliminary Plans for Culvert Replacement and Golf Course Retention Pond:

After discussion and review of the Preliminary Cost Opinion from Verbeke-Meyer Consulting Engineers, the Board was asked to approve proceeding with the engineer estimates for culvert replacement and the golf course retention pond. Actual bids will be presented at next month's meeting.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Weis to approve the Preliminary Cost Opinion estimates from Verbeke-Meyer Consulting Engineers as presented, seconded by Ms. Fennelly, all in favor and passed.

Smoke-free Air Act Update:

Each Board member was given a copy of Chapter 153 "Smokefree Air" which will go into effect on July 1, 2008. The Board reviewed and discussed if they wanted to allow smoking in certain areas as allowed in the Act.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly that in accordance with the Smokefree Air Act the only exclusions allowed for any property under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Board will be for "individual campsites" and "on the course of play" at Glynns Creek Golf Course and to post "no tobacco allowed" signs where necessary. Also, the Board expects our emphasis as a department to be in the education of park users as to our requirement to follow the provisions and intent of the law and to that of encouraging healthy lifestyles, rather than one of enforcement and confrontation with our customers, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at the West Lake Park Scott County Conservation Board Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Fennelly, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer