



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

December 11, 2013

Board Members Present:

Rich Mohr
John O'Donnell
Gene Weis
Beth McAleer

Board Members Absent:

Carol Fennelly

Others Present:

Roger A. Kean, Director
Marc Miller, Deputy Director
Barb Harden, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

MOTION:

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

BILLS: Reviewed and discussed for the month of November.

MOTION:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION: The Board was presented with a 2014 Pioneer Village Photo Contest Calendar.

BUSINESS:

Approval of the Management Agreement between Scott County Conservation Board and Iowa Dept of Natural Resources for the care and maintenance of Gambril Access as a public access area:

This is a 25 year agreement with the Iowa DNR to maintain and manage the Gambril property as a public access area by doing routine mowing and garbage pickup. This area has only boat access to the Mississippi and a parking lot with no other developments. The Scott County Conservation Department is having a security light installed but any major repairs the Iowa DNR will pay to fix and/or replace.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. McAleer to approve the Management Agreement between the Scott County Conservation Board and Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the care and maintenance of the Gambril Access as a public access area, seconded Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Approval of 2014 Rates for Park Services:

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2014 rates for park services. The Board determined that only the camping and the day camp fees at Pioneer Village should be increased.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. McAleer to approve the following increases for 2014, effective January 1st:

- Camping fees – all raised by \$1
- Pioneer Village Day Camp Fees – raised to \$100/session and to \$95 for an additional session for the same child.

Seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, all in favor and passed.

Approval of 2014 Holiday Schedule:

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2014 Holiday schedule.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. McAleer to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule as presented, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, all in favor and passed.

Update on Controlled Deer Hunt at Scott County Park:

The Board was informed that with 50 hunters selected to hunt at Scott County Park on December 7th and 8th, there was a 34% success rate. Again this year, the Conservation

Department is not concerned as we are at a maintainable deer population size so no changes to the hunt are expected for next year.

Lake Canyada Update:

Neither Mr. Kean nor our County Attorney have received a response from the owner/mortgage holder of Lake Canyada regarding the disconnect notice that was sent to them last month. We are also asking them to provide us with information regarding who is going to represent them to put together the Disconnect Agreement. We have started to do the testing required by the DNR to obtain the new permit for West Lake Park only.

Strategic Planning Discussion:

A tentative date of January 14th was set for the consultant to have discussions with the Board of Supervisors, the Conservation Board, and the Conservation Managers to get the process started.

Golf Course Report:

We are hoping for an early and warm spring.

Staff Reports

Summary of monthly highlights from each department.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 3:00pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at West Lake Park Headquarters.

MOTION:

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer