

1. Call to Order

James Steer, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Starr's Cave Nature Center

Those Members Present: Jim Steer, Brad Coates, Dennis Imler, David Riley and Jay Johnson

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Supervisor Beck, Amanda Delperdang, Danny Henderson, Chris Lee and Director Perlstein

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. Director Perlstein introduced Danny Henderson to the Board.
- b. Jim Steer thanked David Riley for serving as the chairman during the past year.

4. Approval of Minutes

- #01** a. Motion by David Riley, seconded by Brad Coates, to approve the minutes of the December 02, 2009 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

5. Approval of Report of Activities for December 2009

- #02** a. Motion by Brad Coates, seconded by David Riley, to approve the reports of activity for December 2009. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. Approval of Claims for December 2009

- #03** a. Motion by David Riley, seconded by Jay Johnson, to approve the claims for December 2009. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Acceptance of Donations

- a. Jeff Bergman: Bear Fur and Skull for EE. Valued at \$225.00

8. Committee Reports

Appointments for 2010. Flint Creek Advisory Committee/Imler. Shooting Range/Coates. Flint River Trail/Riley. Observatory/Johnson. REAP/Steer

- a. **Flint Creek Advisory:** Dennis Imler. No report for this meeting
- b. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer. Showed pictures of the new benches placed on the 300 meter range by an Eagle Scout. Meetings may change to an as-need basis. Dan Hockett will be chairman for 2010.
- c. **Flint River Trails:** No report
- d. **Observatory:** No report
- e. **REAP:** No report.

9. Project Updates

- a. Big Hollow Update: Set priorities for projects that need to be completed at Big Hollow and other parks. Big Hollow projects are at a standstill due to lack of funding.
- b. Acres for Wildlife: Chris Lee. Chris reported the wetland monitoring was mailed to Corps. DNR will be sending people in. Indiana Bat will need to be monitored in the next years. Hunting @ BH. The new regulations worked well. Chris had requested harvest reports. Only one received back. One bow hunter hit but did not recover a deer. Spoke with only one individual regarding duck hunting on the BH Lake. 5 to 6" bluegill and bass being caught on BH Lake. Iowa Sportsman author is writing article about fishing at BH Lake. Staff will re-visit hunting regulations for Big Hollow during the summer months.

- 10. Old Business:**
- a. Flint River Trail**
Kim reported to the board on trail progress. David Riley suggested we consult the Trails Advisory group in January to determine what direction to go regarding the efforts to have the bike trail travel through Starr's Cave Park & Preserve. Director will report back to board with that information at February meeting.
 - b. Budget Hearing**
Budget hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors Room on January 08, 2010.
 - c. SCNC**
Water pipes are frozen at the center.
 - d. Volunteer Dinner**
Reminded the board that the volunteer dinner will be held on January 14th at 6:00 p.m. SCNC.
- 11. New Business:**
- a. Nothing**
- 12. Informational Items/Correspondence**
- a. Nothing**
- 13. Adjournment**
#04 A motion by David Riley, seconded by Dennis Imler to adjourn the January 06, 2010 DCCB meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

James Steer, Chair

Dennis Imler, Secretary/Treasurer