

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 and David Riley

Those Members Absent: Jay Johnson

Others Present: David Wiemer, Amanda Delperdang, Director Perlstein and Behne

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None.

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. None.

4. Approval of Minutes

- #05** a. Motion by David Riley, seconded by Brad Coates, January 06, 2010 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

5. Approval of Report of Activities for January 2010

- #06** a. Motion by Dennis Imler, seconded by Brad Coates, to approve the reports of activity for January 2010. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. Approval of Claims for January 2010

- #07** a. Motion by David Riley, seconded by Brad Coates, to approve the claims for January 2010. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Acceptance of Donations

- a. Rose's Bait & Tackle. Tub of wax worms (250) and 25 ice jigs for ice fishing clinic. Value \$50.00.
- b. Perlstein, Kim: New Toro 210 R Clear Path 21" Snow Blower: Retail Value \$629.00.

8. Committee Reports

- a. **Flint Creek Advisory:** Dennis Imler. No report.
- b. **Shooting Range:** None.
- c. **Flint River Trails:** No report. Next meeting will be held February 11th.
- d. **Observatory:** No report. Annual meeting is scheduled for this month.
- e. **REAP:** No report

9. Project Updates

- a. None

10. Old Business:

a. Baker Property

Director Perlstein reported on her trip to Des Moines this past Monday, Feb 01, to meet with Natural Heritage Foundation; regarding the Baker property. Some confusion by NH on the actual property that was purchased for DMC. Price paid was more than appraised value. New appraisal being completed. NH will assist DMC Conservation with grant research and writing. Advised we may start projects on the property. A farm management plan is needed. DMC Conservation will manage the farming contract and save the 10% fee normally incurred for this process. The berm protecting some of the tillable property needs to be repaired prior to farming this year. DMC Conservation is actively pursuing grants on our own. See discussion on New Business b.

- b. **Flint River Trail:** Meeting was postponed until February 11 in order to allow time to package the information properly for a detailed report to the members.

11. New Business:

- a. **Expense Report SCNC:** Director reported on the expenses for the Nature Center as requested by the board at the January 6th meeting. Members requested an ongoing quarterly reporting of the SCNC expenses for their review.
- b. **Aldo Leopold Education Center:** During the discussion of the Baker property a consensus of the members present was reached. It was agreed that conservation should proceed with a plan to place a new Nature Center on that property.

12. Informational Items/Correspondence

- a. Partners for Conservation Foundation annual meeting will be held on February 25th at the Conservation office at noon.
- b. Director reported that she is working on information for the Vision Iowa/CAT Committee. This report would be regarding the completion of the BH Lake portion of that grant.

13. Adjournment

#08 A motion by David Riley, seconded by Dennis Imler to adjourn the February 03, 2010 DCCB meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

James Steer, Chair

Dennis Imler, Secretary/Treasurer