

1. Call to Order

David Riley, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Office.

Those Members Present: David Riley, Jim Steer and Jay Johnson

Those Members Absent: Dennis Imler and Brad Coates

Others Present: Nick Stark, Supervisor Beck, Amanda Delperdang, Chris Lee, Mark Lieurance, Kim Perlstein and Joel Behne.

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

From New Business #c. REAP Grant – Nick Stark was brought up to Additions to Agenda Nick Stark, SEIRPC, presented two REAP Grants that have been prepared.

Grant #1: a request in the amount of \$181,000.00 for the Construction of a Main Bath House and Concession for the Big Hollow Lake Beach. There would be no local match for this grant.

Grant #2: a request in the amount \$325,000.00 for the continued development of the Flint River Trail

Nick asked the board as to their preference on these two grants were they given a chance by the REAP board. The board indicated they would prefer the receipt of Grant #1 for Big Hollow if given that option.

#38 Motion by Jay Johnson, seconded by James Steer, to approve the REAP Grant applications. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

3. Delegations/Public Input:

None

4. Approval of Minutes

#39 a. Motion by Jay Johnson, seconded by James Steer, to approve the minutes of the July 08, 2009 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

5. Approval of Report of Activities for July 2009

#40 a. A motion by James Steer, seconded by Jay Johnson, to approve the reports of activity for July 2009. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. Approval of Claims for July 2009

#41 a. A motion by Jay Johnson, seconded by James Steer, to approve the claims for July 2009. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Acceptance of Donations

- a. Trudy Reusch: From the family of Robert Kenneth Johnson. Duck Stamps & Prints Revised Edition – the complete Federal & States Editions. Valued at \$75.00
- b. Cheryl & Ron Stewart: \$389.00 for Big Hollow Lake Project from the Memorial established for Cheryl's mother. Marjorie Dickson.
- c. Rotary Club of Burlington: Playground Equipment for the 4th Pumping Plant Campgrounds. Valued at \$11,700.
- d. Becky McKee: Bobcat Puppet, valued at \$40.00
- e. Joel Behne: Dock flotation, valued at \$100.00

- 8. Committee Reports – David Riley; as Chairman appointed the following to these committee’s:**
- a. Flint Creek Advisory: Director Perlstein presented a letter from the IDNR regarding a complaint of illegal dumping into the flint creek by DMC Conservation. The issue was regarding sand that had come out of the creek during an earlier flooding. Sand had been returned to the creek. The letter informed us that we are not allowed to put it back. No penalty this time. Complaint has been closed.
 - b. Shooting Range: No Report
 - c. Flint River Trails: Nick reported on REAP grant as listed above. The next State Preserves Board meeting will be held at SCNC on September 10 and 11th.
 - d. Observatory: No Report
 - e. REAP: Nick reported on REAP Grant request as listed above.
- 9. Project Updates**
- a. Big Hollow Update: Mark Lieurance advised the board that the earlier problems at the beach had slowed down and were under control. Beach is being utilized by many. Staff is working on the Corman fence line. Seasonal Staff will be leaving this week.
- 10. Old Business: None**
- 11. New Business:**
- a. **Request for Alcoholic beverages at SCNC:** Tina Johnson has reserved the shelter house and nature center for a reunion. She has requested permission to use alcoholic beverages at that function.
- #42** Motion by Jay Johnson, seconded by Jim Steer, to allow Tina Johnson the use of alcoholic beverages at her reunion. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
- b. **Request for Alcoholic beverages at SCNC:** Des Moines County Secondary Roads will be having their Christmas party at the Nature Center in December. They have requested to once again be allowed to have Beer & Wine/Spirits at their function.
- #43** Motion by Jay Johnson, seconded by Jim Steer, to allow the Des Moines County Secondary Roads Department the use of alcoholic beverages at their Christmas Party in December. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
- c. **REAP Grant – Nick Stark:** This item was moved up to **#2: Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - d. **Hunting: BH - Natural** Resource Manager Lee presented an outline of the Newly created Big Hollow Hunting Regulations. The BH Lake property has been sectioned into 5 specific hunting zones. The restricted areas have been identified as well. These rules include Waterfowl and deer regulations for BH property and in accordance with Iowa Law and State Regulations. The information will be published locally and on our internet web page. As these rules have changed the previously allowed hunting process some rule changes may need to and will be made as each situation arises. (*See attached copy of Big Hollow Hunting Regulations Summary and Zone Listing attached.*) [Zone Map](#) [Rules & Regulations](#) [Press Release](#)
- #44** Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jay Johnson, to approve the Hunting Rules/Regulations as well as the Map containing zones as presented. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.
- e. **Extension – Option to Purchase Wasson Property.** The current option to purchase is soon to expire. Mr. Wasson has agreed to an extension for the next year. This extension is beneficial to all parties. He has signed the extension.
- #45** Motion by Jay Johnson, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve and sign the extension of the Option to Purchase the Wasson Property. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

New Business: Continued

- d. **Beach Rules:** As indicated at the July 08, 2009 board meeting new signage has been posted at the BH Beach. New sign indicates required behavior of beach goers while using facility. Specifically the Prohibition of Beer and Alcohol on the beach at any time & A No Swimming beyond the ropes. Although these new rules were approved at a previous meeting formal action was not taken.

#46 Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Jay Johnson, to approve the recently posted Big Hollow Beach Rules and Regulations. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

12. Informational Items/Correspondence

- a. **FEMA update:** Director Perlstein presented an updated version of the copy of a FEMA report that had been turned in for June 30th deadline. This report had been specifically requested at a previous meeting.
- b. **Adventure Run:** An adventure run has been planned for October 10, 2009 at Big Hollow. As a result the park will be closed to hunting on that date.
- c. **Jacobi's Landing:** Kim and Member Coates will be meeting on Tuesday 08-11-09 with the Two River's Levee District regarding possible usage

13. Adjournment

#47 A motion by James Steer, seconded by Jay Johnson, to adjourn the August 06, 2009 DCCB meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

David Riley, Chair

Jay Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer