

**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, Jay Johnson, Brad Coates and Dennis Imler

**Those Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Amanda Delperdang, Mark & Cheryl Lieurance and Joel Behne.

**2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:** None

**3. Delegations/Public Input:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**#48** a. Motion by Brad Coates, seconded by Jay Johnson, to approve the minutes of the August 06, 2009 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**5. Approval of Report of Activities for August 2009**

**#49** a. A motion by Jay Johnson, seconded by Dennis Imler, to approve the reports of activity for August 2009. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**6. Approval of Claims for August 2009**

**#50** a. A motion by James Steer, seconded by Dennis Imler, to approve the claims for August 2009. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**7. Acceptance of Donations**

- a. Scott, Greg: memorial funds to be used for Starr's Cave Nature Center.
- b. Piper, Ron: Brunton Europa 10 x 50 binoculars. Optics rated for 737 ft at 1,000 yards.

**8. Committee Reports**

- a. **Flint Creek Advisory:** No report.
- b. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer reported that the advisory committee had their meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>. They approved the use of poly targets with the stipulation that if the poly targets do not hold up that metal targets be used. There would be one of these targets put on the Northeast corner of the 25 Meter range.

The committee reviewed a request from Corey Sallee of Mediapolis, to allow active military personnel to use the Shooting Ranges without taking the certifications course. After discussion it was suggested that full time active military personal should attend the Shooting Range Certification Course. The fee would then be waived while they are on active duty. No formal action was taken by the Advisory Committee. They will revisit this issue at their next meeting.

The policy is being updated by Dan Hockett and will be presented to the board for their approval at the October meeting.

- c. **Flint River Trails:** No report
- d. **Observatory:** No Report. Board Member Dennis Imler advised the board he had recently had the opportunity to participate in a stargazing event at the observatory. Dennis complimented the observatory volunteers for their knowledge and overall performance.
- e. **REAP:** Annual meeting will be held in October at the Memorial Auditorium. Chairman Riley will attend this event. He invited his fellow board members to attend and review the process.

**9. Project Updates**

- a. Big Hollow Update: Mark Lieurance advised the board that the beach is being utilized by many during the warmer weather. Since it has become cooler weather the attendance has slowed down. Staff continues to work on the Corman fence line. Seasonal Staff is gone for the summer.

**10. Old Business:** Greenway Plan by Justin Bushong, SEIRPC, Justin was unavailable for this meeting. Agenda was delayed due to a conflicting commitment.

**11. New Business:**

- a. **Park Ranger Job Description:** The Maintenance/Tech Position has been updated to include Ranger duties and responsibilities. This position when filled will allow that staff member to work as law enforcement as well as the normal Maintenance duties.

**#51** Motion by Brad Coates, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the Park Ranger Job Description as presented. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

- b. **Request for Alcoholic beverages at SCNC:** Connie Nealey will be having their Family party at the Nature Center in January 2010. She has requested to be allowed to have Beer & Wine/Spirits at their function.

**#52** Motion by Dennis Imler, seconded by Jay Johnson, to allow the Nealey Family the use of alcoholic beverages at their Family event in January 2010. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**12. Informational Items/Correspondence**

- a. **FEMA update:** Work is being completed. Claims show that gravel projects are underway as well as the placement of new restrooms at Little Welter and 4<sup>th</sup> Pump.
- b. **Mark Lieurance** announced to the board that he will be retiring at the end of 2009. The Chairman Riley and the board thanked him for his years of service and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

**13. Adjournment**

**#53** A motion by James Steer, seconded by Brad Coates, to adjourn the September 02, 2009 DCCB meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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David Riley, Chair

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Jay Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer