

**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 Brad Coates

**Those Members Absent:** Jay Johnson and Dennis Imler

**Others Present:** Supervisor Beck, Lyle Triska, President BMAC, Gary Fell, BMAC. Director Perlstein, Amanda Delperdang, and Joel Behne.

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

**3. Delegations/Public Input:** Moved New Business 11 a Burlington Model Airplane Club Agreement.

**#54 a.** Motion by Brad Coates, seconded by James Steer, to approve the renewal of the BMAC agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**#55 a.** Motion by James Steer, seconded by Brad Coates, to approve the minutes of the September 02, 2009 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

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

**#56 a.** Motion by Brad Coates, seconded by James Steer, to approve the reports of activity for September 2009. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

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

**#57 a.** Motion by James Steer, seconded by Brad Coates, to approve the claims for August 2009. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**7. Acceptance of Donations**

- a. James O. Wilt, \$200.00 for the John H. Witte Observatory Fund
- b. James Hilkin, \$100.00 for the John H. Witte Observatory Fund

**8. Committee Reports**

- a. **Flint Creek Advisory:** Bi-annual meeting will be held 10-15-09 in Room 207 at BCHS
- b. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer advised that an Advisory Board Meeting was held on September 17, 2009. Other new business, policy change, will be presented at 11 b.
- c. **Flint River Trails:** No meeting held in September. Preserves board to meet at SCNC October 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> for tour of SCP&P and their meeting.
- d. **Observatory:** Director Perlstein advised the locks were being changed. They are taking care of the cost. A listing of which keys are distributed to will be kept in the admin office.
- e. **REAP:** Annual meeting will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Auditorium. Chairman Riley will attend this event. Director Perlstein reported that Des Moines County Conservation did not receive either of their grant requests.

**9. Project Updates**

- a. Big Hollow Update: 50,000 more bluegill have been stocked. Trail flagging needs to begin to complete a Vision Iowa/CAT requirement. Volunteers needed and appreciated for the flagging. Culverts will need to be placed in several areas. Jay Johnson has offered to donate heavy machinery to help clear a 10' trail around perimeter. Volunteers are available to run equipment. Board Member Coates offered his services and equipment. The hunting meetings to update citizens on the hunting draw for Shotgun 1 & 2 have not been well attended. There have been only ten to fifteen attendees' to date. Bidding for the completion of 152<sup>nd</sup> avenue has been let. Cole was the winning bidder. Cole will be starting in April 2010.

**10. Old Business:** Greenway Plan by Justin Bushong, SEIRPC, Justin was unavailable for this meeting. Director Perlstein handed out the finished plans. They will be available at our offices.

**11. New Business:**

- a. Burlington Model Airplane Club - Agreement: Moved up to #2.
- b. **Shooting Range Policy:** The Board will allow the use of Board approved and Board supplied polymer reactive targets at the Big Hollow Creek Recreational Area shooting range for use by the public. Reactive targets can only be placed on the northeast corner of the 25-meter range.

**The rules all shooters have to follow are:**

- 1. Only pistol caliber ammunition allowed on reactive targets.
- 2. Shooters must maintain a minimum distance of 10-yards away from reactive target while engaging target...

**#58** Motion by James Steer, seconded by Brad Coates, to approve the addition of the policy as written above. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

- c. **Fiscal Year Report – Amanda Delperdang:** Report was presented to the board. Overall attendance was up for 08/09.

- d. **Wasson Property:** Habitat Grant # 09-08 Wasson Land Acquisition. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Natural Resource Commission approved DMC Conservation's application for a Wildlife Habitat Stamp Fund cost sharing grant in an amount not to exceed \$36,700. This is a 75% reimbursement grant.

**#59** Motion by Brad Coates, seconded by James Steer, to approve the acceptance of this grant award. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Documents were signed by Chairman Riley.

- e. **Linder Property – Extension of Option to Purchase:** Harold E. Linder has offered to extend for another year the agreement to purchase his property. The extension offer was signed previously by Harold E. Linder and Chairman Riley's signature completed the execution of the extension of this agreement. No motion was made or needed.

**Operations Supervisor Job Description:** At the previous meeting Mark Lieurance announced his upcoming retirement plans. In preparation for the replacement of that position the job description was updated. The hiring process is projected to begin beginning in November of 2009 with the application and interviewing process completed in time to fill this position by January 2010. During the review of the job description Board Chairman Riley noted that there was a specific lack of mention regarding housing to be provided for this position. The chairman and those members present noted that, if possible, housing should be provided to the head ranger position and not to the operations supervisor.

**#60** Motion by James Steer, seconded by Brad Coates, to approve the Operations Supervisors Job Description and Essential Elements as provided. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**12. Informational Items/Correspondence**

- a. **FEMA update:** Director Perlstein presented the board with the status of all projects. Majority are completed. All projects are on schedule to be completed by the November deadline. A request for an extension will only be completed if need be.
- b. **Trumpeter Swans:** Director Perlstein told the board that Ron Andrews from IDNR would be down on 10-08-09 to pick up two cygnets. They will be taken to a refuge and released at a later date.
- c. **Conservation Technician/Park Ranger:** Director Perlstein reported that Paul Kay had been hired. Due to a prior commitment he will be present at the November meeting to be introduced to the board.

**13. Adjournment**

**#53** A motion by James Steer, seconded by Brad Coates, to adjourn the October 07, 2009 DCCB meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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David Riley, Chair

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Jay Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer