

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD (WCCB)
November 10th, 2022**

Meeting to order: Vice President Barb Donkersloot called the meeting to order at 4:29 PM at the Washington County Conservation Center at Marr Park.

Roll call:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Barb Donkersloot, Bill Nickell, Kim Prier
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Capps, Stan Stoops
STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Zach Rozmus, Randi Brase
GUESTS PRESENT:

Approval of agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda as provided by Bill Nickell and seconded by Kim Prier. Carried unanimously.

Review previous meeting minutes: A motion was made by Bill Nickell to approve the October 13th, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Kim Prier and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

a. **English River Water Trail**

Bill Nickell made a motion to approve resolution No.11-10-2022-01 which provided endorsement from the WCCB towards a IDNR Water Trail Application, and for Vice President of the board to sign. Motion was seconded by Kim Prier. Roll call votes listed below.

NAME	AYE	NAYE	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
President Craig Capps			X	
V. President Barb Donkersloot	X			
Member Stan Stoops			X	
Member Bill Nickell	X			
Member Kim Prier	X			

Resolution passed 3-0.

b. **Marr Park Shower House**

Rozmus informed the board that he was continuing to work with Carl A Nelson to facilitate the design and planning. In the coming weeks Rozmus would sit down with them to begin formalizing a contract.

Rozmus also advised that he had written a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the WCCB's request for ARPA funds. Rozmus hoped to speak with conservation board member and board supervisor Stan Stoops in the coming days regarding the viability of the request.

c. **Marr Park Bird Blind**

Rozmus provided photos and an update of the repurposing of the bird blind located in Marr Park. In an effort to attempt to create more traffic through the structure while still adhering to its original design the WCCB staff removed the backwall of the bird blind. A post was installed and now the structure would serve as an open-air shelter as well as a bird blind. Rozmus advised that the project cost very little money, WCCB staff completed all the construction, and he hoped it would generate more foot traffic to the structure.

d. **Naturescape Play Area**

Rozmus happily presented pictures of recent updates WCCB staff members Cody Smith, Jacob Adrian, and Randi Brase had made to the natural playground equipment located in Marr Park.

Rozmus commended his staff for their creativity and hard work to bring some new ideas to life. New updates include: wood cabin, catwalk, and placement of a boat.

Updates:

a. **Hayes Timber**

Rozmus stated that he and the WCCB staff were continuing to work on honeysuckle removal. Staff was able to conduct a small prescribed burn prior to recent rain storms. Rozmus hoped to continue to work on the control methods in the coming weeks/months. Rozmus said he was pleased with the progress but acknowledged that there was still plenty of work left to do.

b. **Sockum Ridge Management**

WCCB staff worked with the IDNR District Forester Cassidy Robinson to begin marking trees for a select harvest in the oak savannah area. Rozmus said it was a good learning opportunity for his staff while also working towards project that would have a great positive impact on the long term health of Sockum Ridge's natural resources.

Review of monthly reports

Maintenance Supervisor Fritz Engel's monthly report was provided and reviewed.

Ranger/Technician Cody Smith's monthly report was provided and reviewed.

Ranger/Technician Brett Johnson's monthly report was provided and reviewed.

Maintenance Technician Jacob Adrian's monthly report was provided and reviewed.

Activities Director Randi Brase's monthly report was provided and reviewed.

Naturalist Megan Jorgensen's monthly report was provided and reviewed.

Executive Director Zach Rozmus' monthly report was provided and reviewed.

Bills

During this time a summary of the bills totaling \$8,760.91 for the month of October, 2022 were presented to the board.

TO WHOM	FOR	AMOUNT
Ace-N-More	Gloves, stain, minor tools, archery, parin, lights, propane	\$386.14
Arnold Motor	Brake cleaner	\$35.88
Betsy Becker	WCCB logo	\$1,000.00
Brett Johnson	CCPOA meal reimbursement	\$41.76
Cody Smith	CCPOA meal reimbursement	\$29.00
Copy Systems	Print contract	\$103.10
Eastern Iowa Light & Power	Monthly electricitiy	\$1,558.58
igraphix	Camping receipts	\$767.00
Jack's Uniform & Equipment	Law enforcement supplies	\$400.89
John Deere	Maintenance boots, oil & filter, skidloader attachment maintenance	\$621.72
Maple Avenue Greenhouse	Trees at Willow Pond	\$1,244.94
River Products Company	Roadstone at Marr Park	\$69.88
Ron Hemm	Campground hosts	\$150.00
State Hygienic Lab	Water testing	\$13.50
The Appliance Barn	Ranger stove maintenance	\$104.72
US Cellular	Monthly cell service	\$286.13
VISA	Adobe, CCPOA & lodging, safety glasses, calendar, seed balls	\$495.61
Walmart	Worms, turtle food, cleaning supplies, halloween hike materials	\$90.76
Washington County Chamber	Oktober Madness calendar, Leadership Washington - Brett	\$430.00
Washington County Extension	Commercial applicator - Zach, Fritz, Cody, Brett	\$140.00
Wemiga Waste	Trash removal	\$573.00
Windstream	Monthly internet	\$189.30
Zach Rozmus	CCPOA meal reimbursement	\$29.00
TOTAL BILLS		\$8,760.91

***The aforementioned minutes are to be considered a synopsis of each agenda item dialogue and not an entire recollection of all the events that transpired.**

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Bill Nickell and seconded by Kim Prier to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 PM. Motion was carried unanimously.

SIGNATURE

DATE