

# **JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

**Minutes from the meeting of April 12th, 2016, at Central Park Nature Center, Center Junction, Iowa.**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM by Larry Pisarik.**

Present were Board Members: Larry Pisarik, Dave Tabor and Rob Roman. Staff present were Brad Mormann and Jennifer Koopmann.

## **Introduction of Guests:**

### **Approve the Agenda:**

Dave moved to approve the agenda. Rob seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review & Approval of March Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Dave made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:**

Rob made a motion to approve the expenditures and revenues. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Staff Reports:**

Dave made a motion to accept the staff reports. Rob seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

#### **Permit to Operate a Motor Vehicle in Game Management Areas, Parks or Preserves:**

Discussion by the Board and agreement to research the permit further in order to provide safe and appropriate usage.

**Purchase of Two Mowers:** Larry made a motion to accept a bid from Bodensteiner Implement Co for \$25,980 for two new front deck mowers and trade in of one z-trac mower. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Seasonal Conservation Worker and Campground Host Start Dates and Compensation:**

Rob made a motion to accept Dalton Harms, Anna James and Ryan Wageman for summer seasonal employment at \$9 per hour. Dalton to start 5/17/16, Anna to start 4/25/16 and Ryan to start 4/18/16. Richard Welch to start as the Campground Host with a \$25 per day stipend and a start date of 5/5/16. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Cabelas Corporate Purchase Agreement:** Dave made a motion to accept the Cabela's Corporate Purchase Agreement. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Music in the Park by Will Schmitt:** Dave made a motion to allow Will Schmitt to play music in the enclosed pavilion one time during the 2016 summer season. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Pheasants Forever Land Appraisal Donation (\$2,400 value) for Eby's Mill Wildlife Area and Eby's Mill Bridge Maquoketa River Access:** Discussion on the donation and agreement to draft a letter of thank you to Pheasants Forever, Matt McQuillen, Chris Nelson, Wade Wamre, and others that have made donations to Conservation recently.

**Educational Event Updates:** Handouts were provided on the Older Wiser Livelier (OWL) butterfly program, Alliant Energy Branching-Out Tree Planting Project at the Courthouse, the Earth Day Fair, and the annual photo contest.

**Friends Group Update:** The group is working on a logo design and have requested designs be submitted and prizes awarded for the top selections.

**Conservation Area and Project Updates:** West pond project is almost completed with seeding scheduled for the week of 4/18/16. Discussion on the placement of the fiber optic line in Central Park. Acceptance of a memorial seating stone for Joanne Heick and additional monetary donation (\$1,000 value) by Roger and Nancy Digmann and family, Wilbur and Chantel Otten and family, and Charles Heick and family. The Secondary Roads Department is installing a box culvert near Hamilton Tapken Prairie.

**Adjournment:**

Dave moved to adjourn. Larry seconded. All ayes. Larry adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

The next meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:45 pm at Central Park.