

## CLAYTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

### Minutes

July 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held at Bloody Run County Park on Tuesday, July 12. Vice-chairman Gary Kregel called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Other board members present were Daryl Landsgard, Marilyn Lenth, and Larry Stone. Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and office manager Harry Luster also attended. John Nikolai, president of the Motor Mill Foundation, was a guest.

### **AGENDA**

Landsgard moved to approve the agenda, Stone seconded. Carried.

### **MINUTES**

Landsgard moved to approve the minutes of the June 14 meeting as printed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The board acknowledged the letter of resignation from Liz Jaster, and asked staff to refer the matter to the Board of Supervisors.

Pollock reported that Gerry Ommen said the Clayton County Chapter of Pheasants Forever has agreed to continue school bus scholarships to help with school field trips.

Stone reported a discussion with a canoeist who intends to attend a future meeting to discuss the condition of river accesses in Clayton County.

### **CLAIMS**

Luster reviewed the June claims. Stone moved to approve the claims as presented. Landsgard seconded. Carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Luster reviewed the expenditures and revenue for June, which ended Fiscal year 2016. Landsgard moved to accept the report. Stone seconded. Carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION UMGC GRANT**

John Nikolai said the Motor Mill Foundation did not receive a hoped-for grant from the Dubuque Racing Association for roof repair on the smokehouse and cooperage at Motor. Thus, he requested permission for the foundation to apply for a roof repair grant from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Commission (UMGC.) The project would cost about \$17,000.

Landsgard moved that the board authorize the Motor Mill Foundation to apply for the grant. Lenth Seconded. Carried

#### **CCCB UMGC GRANT FOR WATER TRAILS**

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Pollock said the pre-application has been approved for the board to apply for a UMGC grant to help pay for the Iowa DNR to install a river access at Turkey River Park.

Stone moved that the Conservation Board support the grant application. Landsgard seconded. Carried.

#### ENO PROPERTY

Pollock read a letter from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) acknowledging the challenges of the Conservation Board accepting a proposed gift of property from the late John Eno. The INHF has agreed to take over the property initially offered to the Conservation Board, pending approval of the full INHF board.

Landsgard moved to approve the transfer from the Conservation Board to INHF, subject to INHF board approval. Lenth seconded. Carried.

#### RETZ PROPERTY

The State Preserves Advisory Board on July 7 approved a request from the Iowa Nature Conservancy to transfer the Retz property, adjacent to Motor Mill, to the Clayton County Conservation Board. The Retz land would retain its designation as a State Preserve, with no development permitted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

CLAYTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT GROUP DINNER – July 26.

Pollock said board members are invited to attend the Clayton County Development Group's annual dinner at the Elkport-Garber Community Center at 5:30 p.m. on July 26. Reservations are due to Pollock by July 20.

#### FY 17 PROJECT PLANNING

The board discussed Pollock's proposed list of Conservation Board projects for FY 2017.

They included:

Osborne shop

Bloody Run Trail

Motor Mill Interpretive Exhibits

Turkey River Park water trail access

Fish habitat & trail improvement on Pony Hollow Trail

Osborne Pond fish habitat improvement

Mederville water trail access to be completed by Mark Bolsinger

Osterdock water trail access

Millville water trail access

Motor Mill water trail access

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Nature Center exhibit renovation  
Osborne Conservation Center painting

**Upcoming Programs**

7/21- Mystery Mingle, Munch, Mob

7/22- Drift Into the Driftless Area, Bixby State Preserve -6pm

8/6- TRRC Triathlon, Elkader City Park- 9am

8/13 –How It Came to Be (Pike’s Peak state park) Geology!

8/18- Mystery Mingle, Munch, Mob

**Updates**

Slocum conducted species inventories for DNR. Harkrader guided tours at Motor Mill.

Harkrader, Slocum, Matt and Spielbauer presented 34 programs to 619 youth and 117 adults

Mulford, Anderson, Burlage and seasonal staff maintained parks, fed animals and maintained trails

Anderson conducted Hunter Education course for 20 participants, 15 volunteers.

Mulford contacted MTI for work on Toro2010 mower.

Luster, Kraus and Schoulte welcomed 584 visitors in June

LED outdoor lights installed at Osborne

The Iowa DOT is ready for CCCB to submit a request for engineering an alternate route for the Motor Mill trail (hy 13 and Grandview Road)

The trail crew is scheduled to begin work on the new Bloody Run Trail on July 25

“Animal Planet” has been given permission to film at segment about Bigfoot at Bloody Run Park

The “Trout Stag” group has volunteered to make repairs on the shelter at Bloody Run Park

Prospective Conservation Board members should submit applications to the Board of Supervisors

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lenth moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Stone seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary  
Clayton County Conservation Board