

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION BOARD OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 9:00 p.m. at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex Bldg., Decorah, IA

Members Present: Bill Ohde, Steve Cornelius, Kristin Torresdal, Tina Hall, and Tim Wagner.

Staff Members Present: Barb Schroeder.

Guests: none

I. Call to Order. Ohde called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes and Claims. Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Wagner to approve July minutes. MC. Motion by Wagner, 2nd by Torresdal to approve August claims. MC.

III. Public Comment. None

IV. Department and Committee Reports.

Staff and Director's reports were submitted, and the Director answered questions about the amur cork tree and the removal of Lake Meyer from Iowa's Impaired Waters list.

V. Action Items - None

VI. Discussion Items.

1. Trail and Project Updates

- No trail progress, waiting for landowner route choice
- No wetland progress, waiting for the USFW field office site visit

2. Long-range Planning

- questioned if there would be issues with a public entity competing with private when renting Walden Pond facilities. The location is isolated and a distance from any city/town reduces that issue.
- Upcoming budget expenses – continuing with the Lake Meyer Nature Center remodeling and installing a new heating and cooling system. The maple syrup evaporator at Walden Pond needs to be replaced.

VII. Items for Future Agendas. Brainstorm session on long-range planning

VIII. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 1:00 in Courthouse Annex

Motion by Torresdal, 2nd by Wagner to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director, Barbara Schroeder