

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION BOARD OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 12:00 p.m. at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex Bldg., Decorah, IA

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

Guests: None

I. Call to Order. Ohde called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

II. Public Comment: none

III. Guests: none

IV. Consent Agenda Approval. Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Hall to approve June minutes MC. The auditor's report shows \$1,413.15 of funds remaining in the 2023-2024 budget that will be absorbed into the general fund. Motion by Hall, 2nd by Wagner to approve July claims. MC.

V. Action Items.

1. **Consider Granting Driveway Access at Lake Meyer** - Motion by Wagner, 2nd by Torresdal to deny driveway access. MC. The discussion focused on the fact that since the property is not landlocked, permission would not be required, and there are too many future unknowns. The board also didn't feel comfortable providing a benefit of the park roadway to a private individual.
2. **Approve Installation of Air Conditioning at the Lake Meyer Office** – no action taken.
3. **Approve or Deny the Zoning Request** - The discussion focused on the underground water and methane contamination. Wagner offered to draft a letter to the Zoning Board. No action was taken.
4. **Approve Changes to the Office Assistant Job Description** – no action taken.

VI. Discussion Items.

1. **Trail and Project Updates.** Steve St Clair has offered to purchase and donate a sea scorpion model that could be displayed around Decorah and housed at Lake Meyer Nature Center during school field trip season. The Office Assistant position is open. Flooding on the Upper Iowa River caused the campground to be evacuated at midnight. Ryan Wiltgen's need for a county vehicle was evident as he drove to the park in his personal vehicle to save time. Staff has been working on trail cleanup from the storms.

VII. Department and Committee Reports. Staff and Director reports were submitted.

VIII. Items for Future Agendas. Agenda items include a work vehicle for Ryan Wiltgen to drive home.

IX. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 1:00 in Courthouse Annex.

Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Wagner to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director Barbara Schroeder