

## **MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION BOARD OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA**

**Friday, July 21, 2023, 9:00 p.m. at the Walden Pond, Castalia, IA**

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

Staff Members Present: Barb Schroeder.

Guests: Jim Schultz

**I. Call to Order.** Ohde called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes and Claims.** Motion by Cornelius, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wagner to approve June minutes. MC. Motion by Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Torresdal to approve July claims. MC.

**III. Public Comment.** None

**IV. Department and Committee Reports.**

1. Staff Reports. Education program numbers were the highest ever recorded.
2. Barbara Schroeder, Director's Report.

**V. Action Items.**

1. **Approve Fish Habitat Grant Resolution** – Motion by Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cornelius to approve Resolution 01-23 to submit a Fish Habitat grant for streambank restoration on Casey's Springs at Sindelar Wildlife Access.

**VI. Discussion Items.**

1. Staffing issues – Director talked about the stress staff is suffering from extra work due to staff shortage, and low morale due to no job security. The financial impact is that grants are not being submitted.
2. Trail and Project Updates
  - Dry Run Wetland size and inundation requires a site visit from the USFW field office.
  - Completed Phase I of Sindelar Wildlife streambank restoration
3. Long-range Planning
  - Discussion of Frankville School and how it doesn't fit with the work we do. The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation and Winneshiek County Historical Society have the expertise to oversee the work that needs to be done there.
  - Future park tours need to include Frankville Park and Sindelar Wildlife Access

**VII. Items for Future Agendas.**

**VIII. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Torresdal to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director, Barbara Schroeder