MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION BOARD OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at the Walden Pond Shelter, 1426 130th Ave., Castalia, IA
Members Present: Bill Ohde, Steve Cornelius, Kristin Torresdal, Tina Hall and Tim Wagner.
Staff Members Present: Barbara Schroeder. **Guests:** Staff – Ryan Wiltgen and John Kraus

Tour of the log house and cabin at Walden Pond.

I. Call to Order. Ohde called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda. Motion by Torresdal, 2nd by Cornelius to approve consent agenda - minutes and claims. MC

III. Public Comment. None.

IV. Action Items

1. **Review / Accept Campground Fee Increase.** An increase would be in line with adjacent counties. We are doing our part to be self-sustainable, plus we are offering an increase in service with the addition of Wi-Fi. Motion by Hall, 2nd by Wagner to increase fees for non-electric from $10 to $15 and electric sites from $15 to $20. MC
2. **Discuss and Decide on the Log House Renovations at Walden Pond.** No action was taken. Contractors will be consulted for estimates. Issues include electric panel and wiring, accessibility, floor coverings, windows, deck and steps, plumbing, and heating/cooling.

V. Discussion Items.

1. **Trail and Project Updates.**
2. **Winneshiek Co. Handbook.** The County has updated the handbook, and once completed, WCCB will need to review it.
3. **Iowa County Conservation System Fall Conference – September 17-19th at PIVO**. Board members were informed of field trips and speakers. The director will register board members and staff. Owl vocalization presentation suggestion by Hall
4. **Real Estate**
    a. **Easement purchase**
    2:40 p.m. Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Torresdal to go into closed session. MC
    3:03 p.m. Motion by Wagner, 2nd by Torresdal to come out of closed session. MC

VI. Department and Committee Reports.
Staff and Director reports were submitted. Discussion on the expectations and what the director needs from staff in order for the organization to be successful. The board provided suggestions to the director.

VII. Items for Future Agendas.

VIII. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at the Lake Meyer campground shelter.

Motion by Wagner, 2nd by Torresdal to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director Barbara Schroeder.