

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION BOARD OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 9:00 p.m. at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex Bldg., Decorah, IA

Members Present: Bill Ohde, Steve Cornelius, and Kristin Torresdal.

Staff Members Present: Barb Schroeder.

Guests: None

I. Call to Order. Ohde called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes and Claims. Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Torresdal to approve September minutes. MC. Motion by Torresdal, 2nd by Cornelius to approve October claims. MC.

III. Public Comment. None

IV. Department and Committee Reports.

Staff and Director reports were submitted. The Board asked about snow removal and loss of fish at Walden Pond – We've continued using Bacon Concrete, which has historically done the work for Schultz's. No special fishing event is planned since it's so late in the season; if there is a fish kill, the plan is to leave it for wildlife.

V. Action Items –

1. **Approve Fish Habitat Grant Resolution** - Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Torresdal to approve Resolution 03-23 to submit a Fish Habitat grant application submission and provide matching funds for outlet replacement at Walden Pond. MC.
2. **Approve Fish Habitat Grant Resolution** - Motion by Torresdal, 2nd by Cornelius to approve Resolution 04-23 to submit a Fish Habitat grant application submission and provide matching funds for sediment removal at Walden Pond. MC.

VI. Discussion Items.

1. **Lake Meyer Nature Center remodel**
 - The next step in remodeling will be to sheetrock the main level and then work on refurbishing exhibits. \$20,820 in insurance funds from storm damage were recently deposited.
2. **Trail and Project Updates**
 - The landowners remain unresponsive after the offer to name a bridge in honor of their family. The director will meet with Erdman and the alternate landowner to see if we can find a viable alternative route. No trail grants will be submitted since funds have not been spent.
3. **Long-range Planning**
 - The director talked about the need for a trail technician and shop.

VII. Items for Future Agendas. 2024-2025 Budget

VIII. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 1:00 in Courthouse Annex

Motion by Torresdal, 2nd by Cornelius to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director, Barbara Schroeder