

SCCB Monday, June 14, 2010  
McFarland Park 56461 – 180<sup>th</sup> St., Ames, Iowa

- 1) Call to order – 7:00 p.m. Called to order by Chair Clinton
- 2) Roll Call: EW, DT, JH, WC, Ted – absent, Director Lekwa
- 3) Guest: Rick Carter, Jerry Keys, Mike Meetz, Anne W.
- 4) A few addenda from staff
- 5) Moved DT, Second JH to accept 5/17/10 minutes – unanimous approval
- 6) Moved JH, Second DT to accept 5/21/10 minutes – unanimous approval
- 7) Claims and receipts – according to Steve, all receipts have to be in to the County this week for approval and we're w/in budget. JH moved, DT second – unanimous approval
- 8) Steve has nothing additional to report.
- 9) Additionl to schedule: June 15 trail meeting (HOINT) at Cambridge City Hall at 7:00 p.m.
  - a. 6/19 Skunk River canoe trip will be cancelled due to high river waters and lack of attendance
  - b. 6/24 Evening Prairie Walk is at Doolittle
- 10) Communication – reviewed addendum item June – 34, it was an email commending Jerry Keyes for his work in assisting a child who was caught on a hook. The e-mail came from Chris Severson with the Conservation Corps of MN & IA
- 11) Public Comments: AW commented on her class field trip to McFarland Park and learn about birds. Mike – IRVM gets kudos from Cindy Hildebrand in the a letter to the editor. Thank you to the SCCB for the hunter ed. Challenge assistance.
- 12) EE report – Jerry Keys reports: program numbers are pretty consistent now that we're in all districts. Working on reaching out to high school students (canoe trip with AHS to Upper Iowa River). Public Programs: all 15 programs for summer camps are a "go." We brought t-shirt back as an optional item and its selling well. Added Stroller Walks, but the first one got rained out. Snowshoe race: first year 58 ppl. 70 ppl. This year. Snowmobilers groomed the trail. Feb. 19, 2011 will be next date. Grants this year are for the 15-passanger van and w/the excess funds, we'll be purchasing a wrap for the van to promote SCC. Web site for daycare providers. It's used all around Iowa by CCBs. We wanted to update it and we applied for a REAP-CEP grant and were denied, but we're resubmitting in the fall and submitting a smaller version to Story County Community Foundation.
- 13) HOINT construction – workers on-site. Have been there for a week. There's a meeting on Thursday to re-kick – off the program. The base for the forms has been set on the big bridge structure. They're having to hike most things in. A few 4-wheelers have made it in. Soon they won't be able to proceed until it dries out. The next item needed is a semi-load of steel, which can't be brought in until it dries out a bit. No concrete can be poured until it's drier. Con-Struct has not returned to the site yet.
- 14) Open Rangers Position: Lekwa reports that one option is to potentially promote from w/in. We have 1 candidate who is interested in the open ranger position (not the resident). He has reserved a spot in the Law Enforcement Academy just in case we get someone for this ranger position. When hiring for this position, the offer must be contingent upon successful completion of testing and law enforcement training. If we

can hire from within, we can begin OJT by late summer and have them ready for the academy this fall. The Dittmer family has left the residence. Steve conducted the walk-through and has determined what work would be appropriate to do while the house is unoccupied. Residence is in pretty good shape. It could use some drainage and landscaping. Steve will see if we have a few hundred \$ left when the budget wraps up this week to use for a little fix-up projects. Steve asked board to give him permission to make an offer to this internal candidate so he can begin the testing process. Clinton suggested that he go ahead and fill the non-resident ranger position from w/in.

- 15) Director Lekwa was pleased with the extent to which the engineering firm, Bolton and Menk, Inc. were able to extend and enhance our wastewater facility for the price they quoted. The biggest downfall to the first option (open-top lagoon) is the smell wafting from the lagoon over the park. The second option is upgradable, but expensive and requires an on-site operator. The third option is using the Colo water processing treatment plant via a lift pump. Central Iowa Rural Water would provide the line and we pay user fee for it. Capital for this one is significantly less than the other options. The third option also allows us to meet future needs because the City of Colo will upgrade their facilities and we pay our share through utility fees. Lekwa reminded us that we are not being forced to upgrade at this time; our existing facility works w/in its permit, but it's not really up to today's standards. We can't really do any upgrades at Hickory Grove until we upgrade our wastewater handling capabilities. The soonest this could be entered into the budget is FY 2012.
- 16) Point of Contact in Steve's absence is the Administrative Office and the head of the Administrative Office is Jolene. Therefore Jolene is the contact for the staff and Board in Steve's absence.
- 17) Other – no other
- 18) DT moved to adjourn. JH seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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