

Dickinson County Conservation Board

Dickinson County Nature Center, 2279 170th St., Okoboji

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2016

President: Kathy Kleen

Vice president: Joan Gronstal (unable to attend)

Board members: Steve Anderson, Willia Mueske, Eric Stoll

Employees: Lee Sorenson

Board liaison: Pam Jordan

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda approval: Motion by Mueske, second by Anderson. Approved.

Approval of past month minutes:

Mueske motion to approve the minutes, Anderson second. Approved.

Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County update: Dickinson County Nature Camps are the same week as some of the Lakeside Lab camps. May want to try to schedule camps along with Lakeside Lab next year.

Environmental education update: The Wings and Wetlands this weekend! 2016 schedule

8 a.m. Saturday, May 14: Warbler Walk

Location: Marble Lake Boat Ramp

Join local birder Ed Thelen and trek through beautiful Kettleston Hogsback State Park in search of warblers and other feathered friends. Learn how to identify and spot these little neo-tropical birds as they migrate back to the area to start a family. Bring your binoculars and bird book; extra will be available. Meet at Marble Lake Boat Ramp, The entrance is north of Moellers Marine on 240th Avenue on the west side of Big Spirit Lake.

1 p.m. Saturday, May 14: Live Great-Horned Owl Program

Location: Dickinson County Nature Center

Come to the Dickinson County Nature Center to learn more about one of the top avian predators that calls Iowa home. This nocturnal bird has many adaptations that help it survive year-round. Catch a glimpse of a real, live great-horned owl chick in person. Learn how local wildlife rehabilitators help these and other animals and what you can do if you find one.

Operations and facility update

Recycling center: In the process of attempting to get part time staff hired for the technician and clerk positions, have increase the starting wage from \$10.50 hour to \$14-\$15 and hour.

Sorenson shared some ideal that he passed along to the AWC Foundation for some recognition of past financial support of the nature center, has not heard back from them at this time.

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Horseshoe Bend joint meeting: Sorenson met with Neil Guest from Bolten and Mink and advised that the solution of the sled hill that had been proposed of acing dirt at the bottom of the hill to decrease the amount of slope needed would interfere with more than 1/3 of the hill slope at the bottom. Will have to look at some other options.

Little Sioux Savanna: The parking area is planned to be rocked in the upcoming week and the gates opened back up to allow public access, if the gates are not removed further action will be taken.

Approval of expenses: Stoll motion to pay the bills, Mueske second. Approved.

Stoll motion to adjourn, Anderson second. Adjourn at 8:31 p.m.