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ANNUAL REPORT
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Board Roster

Tom Rockhold – Chair, Lineville, IA	Terms expires December 31, 2023
Diane Olson Schroeder - Vice Chair, Humeston, IA	2024
Mike Lewis – Member, Seymour, IA	2026
Tom Swearingin – Member, Sewal, IA	2026
Marty Nickel – Member, Lineville, IA	2023

Staff Roster

Kenny Banks – Executive Director, Allerton, IA
Brittany Snow – Assistant Director/Technician, Lineville, IA
Hannah Wiltamuth – Part-time Naturalist, Centerville, IA
Linda Allen – Part-time clerical, Part-time secretary, Allerton, IA
Ronnie Guthrie – Part-time Technician, Corydon, IA
Vernon Trower – Part-time Technician, Allerton, IA

Regular County Conservation Board meetings held in accordance with Iowa Code 350.3.

There were 12 regular meetings during the fiscal year. The meetings in April and September were postponed until later in the month because of COVID.

The county conservation board hired a new Naturalist, Ashleigh Arnold and voiced adding a new board member, Garrett Abel.

Conservation Park enhancements:

- Cut 100 dead Ash Trees (ash bore) at Corydon Lake Park
- Received a grant from Wayne Community Foundation for new EZ dock with kayak launchers for Corydon Lake Park
- Selfie Station placed at Lakeside Park
- Clarke replaced power box in campground at Bobwhite State Park
- New playground at Lakeside Park
- New shop and ground at Lakeside Park
- Helga, IDNR, overseen a bow only management hunt at Bobwhite State Park

Conservation Set Backs:

- Medicine Creek Wildlife Area impound structure is still under renovation so the lake and wetlands are still empty.
- COVID-19
 - Closing of parks for set period
 - New rules and regulations for everyday protocol
 - Bath houses closed for a period of time

Maintenance Areas:

Corydon Lake Park:

- 143-acre park
- 64-acre lake
- 2 shelters; electricity and drinking water
- Modern shower house
- Camping
- Playground
- Picnicking
- Hiking trails
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- 9-hole disc golf course
- 3rd year of water quality treatment with IDNR hatchery

Bobwhite State Park

- 390-acre park
- 90-acre lake
- 2 shelters
- Modern shower house
- Camping
- Playground
- ADA pit toilet
- Picnicking
- Hiking trails
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- ADA dock and 2 kayak launchers
- Beach and swim area

Moore-Gosch Memorial Park

- 29-acre park
- 12-acre lake
- Camping
- 1 shelter; electricity and drinking water
- Modern shower house
- Picnicking
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- Dock and a kayak launcher
- New playground

Lakeside Park

- 86-acre park
- 45-acre lake
- Camping
- 1 shelter; electricity and drinking water
- Modern shower house
- Picnicking
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- 2 ADA docks and 2 kayak launchers
- Single stall restroom on North side of park by the shelter
- 3 playgrounds

Medicine Creek Wildlife Area

- 1,028-acre area
- 140 wetland acres
- Restored prairie
- Upland timber
- Public hunting
- Fishing/boating
- Food plots
- Impound structure renovation in progress

Campgrounds Use Totals:

Corydon Lake Park:

Total of 185 units
 42% in county
 46% out of county
 12% out of state
 555 nights of stay
 459 individuals

Moore-Gosch Memorial Park:

Total of 333 units
 25% in county
 25% out of county
 50% out of state
 1,350 nights of stay
 804 individuals

Lakeside Park:

Total of 490 units
 32% in county
 64% out of county
 3% out of state
 1,778 nights of stay
 1,532 individuals

Bobwhite State Park:

Total of 309 units
 55% in county
 33% out of county
 12% out of state
 949 nights of stay
 967 individuals

% of use for FY 20/21

Park	In County	Out County	Out State
CLP	77	86	22
BW	170	102	37
MG	82	85	166
LSP	159	315	16
Total	488	588	241
Total %	37%	45%	18%

\$ totals for camping FY 20/21

FY 20/21	BW	LSP	MG	CLP	Totals
July	\$3,000	\$7,815	\$3,210	\$2,505	\$16,530
Aug.	\$1,785	\$3,450	\$2,160	\$1,335	\$8,730
Sept.	\$3,915	\$4,695	\$3,750	\$1,515	\$13,875
Oct.	\$1,335	\$1,425	\$3,660	\$345	\$6,765
Nov.	\$195	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$375
April	\$345	\$570	\$615	\$345	\$1,875
May	\$2,100	\$3,360	\$3,495	\$930	\$9,885
June	\$3,735	\$8,940	\$3,975	\$2,085	\$18,735
Totals	\$16,410	\$30,255	\$21,045	\$9,060	\$76,770

Account Balances Ending FY 20/21

Reap.....\$20,777.11
 Wetland.....\$0
 Donations.....\$3,423.86
 Duncan.....\$78,615.10
 SEP.....\$4,017.90
 Cons. Reserve
 IA Code 350.6....\$3,047.13

Total camping fees collected.....\$76,770.00
 18 shelter rentals at \$25.00.....\$450.00
 Total revenue FY 20/21.....\$77,220.00

Law Enforcement Activities:

- Took calls about hunting, fishing, and park regulations
- Operated under the Wayne County Sheriff's office
- County Officers patrolled each park
- In certain situations where law enforcement is needed, we called the sheriff's office
 - o Had trash dumped @ CLP North Shelter
 - Keith found suspect and alleviated the problem
 - o Shooting through building @ MCWA, illegal dumping, called IDNR Kyle Jensen, started patrolling area more, posted new signs, problems stopped
- Work with IDNR officer, for Wayne and Lucas County, Kyle Jensen on all hunting, fishing and game matters
 - o Wildlife removal from roadways
 - o Wildlife disposal

Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance:

- Performed routine maintenance on all mowers and equipment as necessary
 - o Change oil
 - o Change air filters
 - o Change gas filters
 - o Run correct air pressure in tires
 - o Check hydro oil
- Changed blades on mowers
- Sharpen mower blades
- Repaired mowers as needed
- Performed routine maintenance on trucks as necessary
 - o Oil changes
- Repaired trucks as needed
- New tires
 - o 2015 Ford
 - o Polaris Ranger
 - o 24' trailer
 - o 16' trailer
- Kept updated gas log
- Keep updated mileage log in trucks
- Purchased a new mower (G5)

- Purchased leaf bagger
- Maintained hand tools
 - o Update as needed

Continuing Education:

- Winterfest 2021 canceled due to COVID-19

Office:

- Input claims in Quikbooks
- Filed claims
- Read e-mails
- Input camp receipts
- Took phone calls
- Cleaned office
- Maintain Facebook page
 - o Not very well (in progress)
- Open mail and bills
- Filed copies of claims sent to courthouse
- Wrote up claims list
- Wrote up claims to submit to courthouse for payment
- Work on agenda for board meeting
- Took phone calls for shelter reservations
- Put information in order for board meetings
- Worked on budget for the next fiscal year
- Sent out e-mails regarding COVID-19 protocols
- Worked on timesheets promptly
- Kept updated logs for what was done that day
- Retrieved claims from courthouse for board meetings
- Post board meeting agenda outside office
- File and save information on computer
- Print off bills from e-mails
- Work with Michelle at courthouse
- Work with Angie with Records Office
- Work with Amanda @ Treasurers Office

Naturalist:

- Hannah worked part time with Wayne County
- Put on public programs at each park
- Did programs at the Seymour, Wayne, and Mormon Trail elementary schools
- Completed programs at Murphy's place

Scavenger Hunt	WCF
Camo	MP, SL
Animals Tracking	MP
Field Day	MT, S, W
Pollinator Garden	MT
Outdoor Days	MT
Monarch Tagging	BW, CLP
Dutch oven cooking	MG, LSP
Kayaking	MG, CLP, LSP, BW, MT
Sunset Kayaking	BW, LSP
Archery	LSP, MG
Stargazing	BW

MT – Mormon Trail
 S – Seymour
 W- Wayne
 MP – Murphy's Place
 MG – Moore-Gosch
 BW – Bobwhite
 CLP – Corydon Lake Park
 LSP – Lakeside Park
 WCF – Wayne County Fair
 CHS – Corydon Head Start
 SL – Seymour Library
 MG – Magical Beginnings

The schools were not allowing guests into the schools which resulted is most of the programs being done through zoom.

Did not do programs at the Allerton World Fair or Watermelon Days due to COVID-19.

Monthly Participants

July	166
August	25
September	4
October	266
November	313
December	347
January	331
February	25
March	334
April	342
May	550
June	57
Total	2,760

Zoom Outreach

Skulls	W
Tour of Nature Center	MT, W
Native American Constellations	MT, S, W
Salamanders	S, W
Fall Leaves	MT, S
Bats	S
Bees	W
Invasive Species	MT, S, W
Snakes	MT, S, W
Bird Call Bingo	MT, S, W
Birds	MT, S, W
Owl Pellets	W
Squirrels	MT, S, W, MB
Naturalist Tools	MT
Amphibian Calls	MT, S, W, CHS
Anthropomorphism	W
Water Cycle	W

Maintenance:

Spring/Summer:

- Open parks
 - o With COVID restrictions in place
- Board meetings
 - o COVID protocol
- Beach monitoring with ISU
 - o Water quality testing
- Mow/burn plot areas off
- Plant/drill food plots
- Bush hog entrances and parking @ MCWA
- Work with Mark Flammang, IDNR, aquatic spraying of lake @ CLP
- Work with IDNR, Kyle Jensen
- Burn and compost leaves
- Change boundary signs that have been shot
- Maintain mowers
- Mow all parks
- Trim all parks
- Spray all parks
- Spray campground pads
- Mow lake shores w/ side cutter
- Mow dams w/ side cutter
- Mow roadways and trails w/ side cutter and bush hog
- Fill trucks up when needed
- Oil change on trucks when needed
- Clean, repair, maintain all shower houses
 - o COVID style – pressure wash
- Clean/open shower houses in spring
- Load firewood in the box in the campground
- Fill pot holes in @ campgrounds
- Clean, maintain, rent out shelters in all parks
 - o Weddings
 - o Family reunions
 - o Graduations.... etc.
- Pick up trash @ all parks
- Primp all parks for special weekends, yearly festivals
 - o Old settlers
 - o Bordertown days
 - o Watermelon days
 - o Wayne Co. Fair
 - o Allerton World Fair

- o Memorial Weekend
- o 4th of July
- o Haunted Forest
- o Easter
- o Mother/Father's Day

- Clean vehicles, shop & equipment
- Clean park up after storm damage
- Set up booth @ County Fair
- Maintain kayaks and kayak trailer

Fall/Winter:

- Close parks
- Winterize all shower houses
- Burn brush piles
- Cut hazard trees
- Cut and split firewood to sell at CG
- Worked and submitted budget
- Fall burn
- Annual report
- Continuing education
- Build tables
- Repair tables
- Make new signs for lagoons
- Winterize trucks, tractors, mowers
- Winterize @ shop
- Clean fire rings
- Blade snow
- Shovel snow
- Work on ice removal
- Board meetings
- Clean shop
- Work in campgrounds weather permitting
- Trickle charge batteries
- Move equipment inside for the winter
- Inventory
- Made new closed signs for the BW and MG shower house
- Put gates up at BW campgrounds to close campgrounds
- Work with IDNR, Helga Offenburger
 - o Fall hunt at BW
 - o Deer collection station
- Maintain chainsaws
- Fill trucks up when needed
- Oil change on trucks when needed
- Follow IDNR hazard tree cutting protocol

Future Park Plans:

1. Groom parks to meticulous standards
2. Continue tree cutting @ CLP
3. Continue w/ state and 2ndary roads for MCWA damn
 - a. Finish soon as possible
4. Food plots @ MCWA
 - a. Establish sunflowers for annual growth
5. Provide excellent outdoor activities for local and non-local residents
6. Opportunities for the schools
7. Expand the kayak program
8. Receive grant money for EZ Dock with 2 kayak launchers at CLP
9. Continue working w/ Public Health regarding all things COVID
10. Continue working with IDNR for the lake at CLP
 - a. Water quality
 - b. Fish habitat
11. Work with ISU for beach monitoring at BW
12. Maintain all areas of the parks
13. Keep working w/ schools via naturalist programs
14. Get CLP looking more like the other county parks with more grass growth and tree cutting programs
15. Start doing programs again for the public
16. Work with IDNR with herd reduction of bow hunting at BW