

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2008
Pathfinders RC&D Area, Inc.
Pathfinder's Board Meeting Room**

Members present: (Designated by *)

Davis County

Dale Taylor *
John Schroeder*
Vacant
Alternate: Max Proctor

Jefferson County

Ron Blair
Steve Burgmeier
Jeff Fritz
Alternate: Kenneth McGuire*
Alternate: Dick Reed*

Keokuk County

Richard Swanson*
Ernie Greiner *
Gary Bates
Alternate: Michael Berg
Alternate: Richard Denny

Mahaska County

Joseph Blunk*
Hubert Parker
Henry Van Weelden*

Van Buren County

Dennis Gratz
Marvin Philips*
Ron Robinson*
Alternate: Gary Adam

Wapello County

Bob Helgerson
Steve Siegel*
Marlin Durlflinger*

Others present: RC&D Staff: Jeanette Beasley, Bookkeeper-Grant Administrator. NRCS representatives: Detra Dettmann; Kevin Funni (NRCS-Mahaska County)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Philips at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Philips presented the Agenda for Board approval. Motion by Greiner, to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Reed; all ayes.

The minutes of Pathfinders RC&D Board meeting held December 12, 2007 were presented. Motion by Greiner to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Siegel; all ayes.

Treasurers Report for October 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008 (summary reports) were presented. Motion by Greiner to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Second by Robinson, all ayes.

USDA-NRCS Coordinators Report

Detra Dettmann presented to the board the current activities and discussions.

1. Time spent in other counties – Detra continues to try and honor the schedule, however it appears that on average she makes it 1 of the 2-half days.
2. Annual Report distribution – Detra has distributed the annual reports to Soil Water Conservation Districts and Board of Supervisor meetings.
3. Iowa Forest Heritage Center in Van Buren County – IFHC is waiting on final grant payment.
4. Buy Fresh Buy Local – Two meetings to be held to promote the campaign in Mahaska County on March 4th.
5. Statewide Grazing Team: Discussion is at a standstill.
6. Mine Reclamation: Two projects will be starting soon with two additional projects to be considered.
7. Keokuk County Trails: Discussion on this project with engineer and Sigourney Community Health Action Partnership.
8. Provided graphic layouts for each Iowa RC&Ds for the Legislative Breakfast.
9. Presented at the Boot camp for Entrepreneurs in Fairfield concerning local food markets.
10. Women in Ag – meeting to be held in Cantril (Van Buren County) and Fairfield (Jefferson County) in the month of April.
11. Detra attended a Practical Farmers of Iowa grazing session
12. Detra will be attending a Watchable Wildlife meeting in Ottumwa in the month of March.

Board Reports –

Total Forestry Program was given out to the board members on Richard Daughtery's behalf.

Community Development Block Grant updates were presented by Beasley in regards to the Sigourney Jordan Well Project.

RC&D Director Guidebooks – were distributed.

Project Proposal Applications –

1. Waal West Mine Reclamation in Mahaska County (\$100,000 grant application done jointly done with Ikes, Pathfinders will receive \$4900. for administration).
2. Westercamp Mine Reclamation in Mahaska County (\$100,000 grant to be done jointly with Mahaska County SWCD, Pathfinders will receive \$4900. for administration).
3. Libertyville Fire Department – grant writing request @ \$25.00 per hour with 2 hours cap.

Motion by Robinson to approve Pathfinders involvement the Project Proposal Applications – second by Greiner, all ayes

Motion by Van Weelden to cancel the Switchgrass Acres to Energy, Indian Creek Watershed and Cedar Creek Revitalization projects, second by Taylor, all ayes.

Motion by Greiner to close the projects: Iowa Forest Heritage Center (grant complete), Jefferson County Trail Hwy 1 Bridge, Safe routes to School, Buckeye Creek Watershed & Kettle Creek Watershed, second by Reed, all ayes.

Iowa League Legislative Breakfast Report – Greiner gave a report on this meeting.

Food System Committee Management – Penny Brown Huber facilitated meetings for this committee, which is showing much support.

Sigourney Motel Investment – Ernie Greiner is the delegate from Pathfinders to attend the meetings and give updates to the Board. Therefore, Ernie presented the latest update to the Board.

Online Banking – The security measures that banks initiate, will make it possible to review any and all accounts held by Pathfinders. Moved by Greiner to approve Pathfinders Accounts to have access to the internet for approved personnel. Second by Robinson, all ayes.

Hourly Employee – Board discussed hiring part-time help while Lisa is on leave. Discussion concerning the assistance is to be continued by Executive Council.

County Reports – given by board members in attendance.

Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 P.M. Tracht Conservation Farm.

Reminder: Iowa League of RC&Ds in Spencer, Iowa on September 4-5, 2008

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Robinson, second by Greiner, all ayes.