

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2008
Pathfinders RC&D Area, Inc.
Tracht Conservation Farm

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 Durflinger

Others present: RC&D Staff: Richard Daugherty, Area Forester, Jeanette Beasley, Bookkeeper-Grant Administrator. NRCS representatives: Detra Dettmann; Bruce Trautman, Area Conservationist

Meeting called to order by Chairman Philips at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Philips presented the Agenda. Motion by Blunk, to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Parker; all ayes.

The minutes of Pathfinders RC&D Board meeting held February 13, 2008 were presented. Motion by Bates to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Greiner; all ayes.

Treasurers Report for October 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 was presented. Motion by Taylor to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Second by Fritz; all ayes.

1. FY06 Financial Review – tabled until Executive Board Meeting on May 7, 2008
2. NRCS contribution agreement – discussion
3. FY09 Budget Projections – discussion
4. Food for Board Meetings – discussion & decision is to continue

Action Items

1. Project Proposals

- a. Agro forestry Workshop – Motion by Parker to adopt, second by Burgmeier. All ayes.
- b. Fairfield Farmers Market – Motion by Burgmeier to adopt, second by Helgerson, all ayes
- c. Bloomfield Country Club – Discussion to table project until more information is available
- d. Total Forestry Field Day – Motion by VanWeelden to adopt, second by Taylor, all ayes.
- e. Middle School Entrepreneur Program – Motion by Helgerson to adopt, second by Parker, all ayes.
- f. Cantril Fire Station – Discussion – Tabled until more information is available
- g. State Recreation Trails Grant – Pedestrian Bridge Over Highway 1 – Motion by Helgerson to adopt, second by Blair, all ayes.
- h. 2008 Buy Fresh Buy Local – Motion by Burgmeier to adopt, second by Greiner, all ayes
- i. 2008 SE Iowa Food Network – Motion by Burgmeier to adopt; second by Greiner, all ayes
- j. Tri-State Local Food Conference – Motion by Greiner to adopt, second by Fritz, all ayes.
- k. Grant Resource Center – No action.
- l. 2008 Women in Ag Programs – Motion by Burgmeier to adopt, second by Fritz, all ayes
- m. Green Planning Commission – Motion by Blair to adopt, second by Burgmeier, all ayes.

2. Projects to close:

- a. Libertyville Fire Department – Motion by Greiner to close project, second by Bates, all ayes.
- b. 2007 Women Land and Legacy – Motion by Bates to close project,, second by Greiner, all ayes.
- c. 2007 SE Iowa Food Network – Motion by Greiner to close project, second by Fritz, all ayes.
- d. 2007 Buy Fresh Buy Local – Motion by Greiner to close project, second by Fritz, all ayes.

e. Maasdam Barns Capital Improvements – Motion by Burgmeier to close project, second by Van Weelden, all ayes

Motion by Van Weelden to cancel Keokuk County Trail project. Second by Greiner, all ayes.

Motion by Greiner to discontinue having a representative on the RPA 15 board, second by Van Weelden, all ayes.

Motion by Van Weelden to have Fritz and/or Burgmeier serve as contacts for Tracht Farm matters. Second by Greiner, all ayes

Discussion Items

1. Memorandum of Understanding between NRCS and RC&D Councils
2. Iowa League Executive Director Job Description
3. Board Member Survey
4. Summer Potluck Picnic – set for September 10, 2008, Tracht Conservation Farm
5. Keokuk County Courthouse – Greiner will submit proposal at next full board meeting.

Reports

1. USDA-NRCS Coordinators Report given by Detra Dettmann
2. TFP Forester Report given by TFP Forester, Richard Daugherty, with a request to authorize the farm account to make partial payment of the 4-wheeler repairs. Moved by Fritz, second by Burgmeier, all ayes.
3. Community Development Block Grant Report given by Jeanette Beasley
4. Legislative update given by Dennis Gratz
5. County Reports – given by county representatives.

Next Pathfinders Board of Directors Meeting – June 11, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. @ Tracht Conservation Farm

Motion to adjourn by Greiner, second by Van Weelden, all ayes.

Chairman

Date

Secretary/Treasurer

Date