**Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board**

**6:30 pm October 14, 2015 Agenda + Meeting notes -- Colfax 1st United Methodist Church**

### Announcements

* Joe Maher, Cindy Vandusseldorp, and Dave Vandusseldorp have resigned from the board for personal reasons.
* Make sure you read emails and respond in a timely manner for electronic votes.
* REAP Meeting in Marshalltown on October 21 at 6:30 at Grimes Farm Conservation Center 2349 233rd St., Marshalltown, IA 50158
* Trails Meeting with Iowa Heartland RCD  
  Colfax-Mingo HS Cafeteria 6:30 pm Thursday November 12th
* Iowa Living Roadways Annual Celebration at Gateway Center in Ames Friday November 20th 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

### I. Agenda Approval

II. Attendance

* **Guests:** Pete Parvi;
* **Board Members in attendance:** Dave Mast, Karla Jones, Connor Jones, Kim Seebeck, Don Edwards, Patrick Utz, Doug Garrett. Kent Deal & Carla Edwards joined later in meeting.

### III. Approval of Financials –

* S**avings account balance:** $200,210.49.
* **Savings Monthly interest income** $49.35
* **Check balance**: $18,444.74
* **Checking interest income:** $1.57
* **Checking income:** $20 donation
* **Monthly Expenses**:
  + $7.58 – Mid-American Energy
  + $60 – USPS PO Box Rental
  + $909.00 – Stayner Insurance for liability insurnace
* Motion to approve financials made by Don Edwards, 2nd by Connor Jones. Motion approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from September 9th meeting

* Motion to approve made by Connor Jones, 2nd by Don Edwards. Motion approved.

### V. Committee Reports

**a. Operations** - Work Days – Need help pulling nails from wood to get scrap metal. Ask boys scouts and/or high school students. Plan to bury scrap wood since we can’t burn it per DNR. Try to get a couple of work days before November 7th. We purchased 4 hunting cameras and 8 SD cards and batteries. We need to get the building ready by December 1st. Keith wants to tinker with the shoreline dirt to see what is feasible this fall while he has equipment out at the park.

**d. Planning -** Sean Cogley has declined to sign the land rental contract with us. We are in talks of renting out the entire piece of land to Beck’s, which is 70 acres. We will present it as a rent it all or nothing deal as we do not want to rent to multiple people yet want to utilize it all for the revenue it can generate. Kim Seebeck made a motion to work with Beck’s starting at $180 an acre with Beck’s for 70 acres and anything more is approved. 2nd by Don Edwards. Motion approved.

e. **Promotions (website update)** – Connor gave general updates on the promotions committee for volunteer days and upcoming work day plans to put a message on the sign into town. Patrick gave updates on the website including description of the 6 pages to the site and what the pages will consist of. Needs help from people on content. Here’s the general breakdown:

**Home**

* Slideshow of photos
* Snippets of what to find on the other pages
* Link to the calendar

**About Us**

* Mission – suggestion made to put this on the home page.
* Park Board overview
* Focus Groups and missions
* Board members and contact info

**Projects**

* Master plan and confluence updates – Kim Seebeck can help with content
* REAP Grant – Talk to Kyle about shoreline repair. Newspaper article in 10/13 Jasper County Tribune
* Fixing buildings and renting out space – Don Edwards
* Beck’s Partnership
* Grants we’ve received thus far

**Get Involved**

* Come to monthly meetings, volunteer days, join a focus group
* Calendar would link with a community calendar and would display on both this page and the City's website
* Contact page for sending a general email, mail address, etc.
* Fundraising and events

**Media**

* General photos of property - Cindy Vandusseldorp, dave, doug, darla.
* Videos – someone mentioned confluence might have a drone for new video
* Event photos
* Links to our social media sites

**Documents**

* Meeting agendas/minutes
* 28E agreement
* Committee reports
* Confluence Reports

**f. Steering Committee(s) Creation** – Provide a sounding board to confluence before we bring information to the larger board.

**Members: Kyle Ament, Kent Deal, Karla Jones, Doug Garrett, Jeff Davidson, Kim Seebeck**

**Would we consider a “give a day, get a day” for fishing reward**? City’s insurance allows us to allow public to fish anywhere from the shoreline. Would need to post signs for the “do nots”. Need to have a fishing rules meeting and signage to let people know the rules. Items to complete for allowing this: signs, trash cans, parking, shoreline safety via signs, buildings are safe and secured. Kim Seebeck moves that we setup a program “give a day, fish a day” for October 24th and November 7th. Patrick 2nd’s the motion. All approved. Connor will work with Mike Mendenhall for a little press on the subject.

# Old Business

VI. Trees Forever Grants; DNR REAP; Grant Updates

* Still waiting to hear on the Trees Forever grant.

VII. Discussion and vote on how to deal with block building **–**

* Tear down half the block building or spend ~$16k on the repairing the roof. If we approve, members would like to move quickly to put a plan in place to generate some revenue from the building. Motion to approve repairing the roof not to exceed $16k made by Dave Mast. 2nd by Kim Seebeck. Motion passed.

VIII. Discussion and vote on replacing doors to officebuilding

* Tabled until next meeting.

IX. Discussion and vote on farmlease

* See notes in V .d. on farm lease.

# New Business

X. Community VisioningGrant

* **J**eff Davidson with Keep Iowa Beautiful brought up in conjunction with Colfax Main Street. The grant encourages visionary and strategic thinking about transportation improvements. Requirement is to agree in writing to commit $2,000 toward implementation of a project proposal. . We are selling old wooden boxes through Julia Kern’s antique shop to raise money for this effort.

XI. Veterans Memorial

* Moving forward.

XII. Scuba Club Interest In Diving Park

* Betsy with Colfax Main Street expressed interest in having a planned dive. We would require their own insurance policy. Group decided we are okay with the idea and hope they can attend a future meeting and talk over the specifics with them.

XIII. Fundraisers **:**

* Possible Spring Fishing Tournament, Swap Meet, Suggestions – Insurance will cover a fishing tournament. Need other suggestions. Dave Mast brought up the idea of a farm auction working in conjunction with the FFA and we could make money with concessions.

XIV. Adjournment

* Motion for adjournment by Kent, 2nd by Connor Jones. Motion approved.