



Fiscal Year 2016-17

An ANNUAL REPORT of the Webster County Conservation Board

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Webster County Conservation Board to preserve our natural resources, to educate the public about the environment, to create learning and recreational opportunities without exploiting our resources, to promote activities that create an awareness or understanding of the environment through programs of conservation and to ultimately develop environmentally responsible citizens of Webster County.

Webster & Hamilton Counties Host 2016 IACCB Fall Conference

Board Members

Jerry Beck	11
Beth Collins	6
Nick Carlson	2
Geri Winge	3
Kirk Seltz	11



Webster County's Natural Areas

Area

Acres



1. Bob Hay Memorial Wildlife Area	225
2. Becker Wildlife Area	10
3. Carlson Recreation Area	126
4. Deer Creek Wildlife Area	17
5. Holiday Creek Wildlife Area	36
6. John F Kennedy Memorial Park	400
7. Lindquist Wildlife Sanctuary	7
8. Liska-Stanek Prairie	20
9. Lundgren Church Nature Park	1
10. Meier Memorial Marsh	35
11. Miller Marsh	185
12. Moorland Pond	23
13. Prairie Pond	18
14. Rossow Prairie	40
15. Skillet Creek Indian Mounds	19
16. The Diggings	7
17. Whispering Wings Marsh	20
18. Lentsch Access	.28
19. Cunningham Access	.28
20. Rasch Access	1.04
21. Kirchner-Seltz Youth Prairie	80
22. Camp Wanoki	80
TOTAL	1,350.6



Management Agreements	Acres
Gypsum City OHV Park	800
Smeltzer Learning Farm	157
<u>Smeltzer Gowrie Farm</u>	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	997

Land Management

2016-17

Land Management Activity

Native Grass & CRP Seeding	3 acre
Private acres seeded with CCB drill	43.5 acres
Prescribed Burning	140 acres
Acres of native seed ordered	178 acres
Bridge & Ditch Clean-out plantings	30
Trees planted	300
Canada Thistle spraying	(South 1/2 of county)
Leafy Spurge spraying	(South 1/2 of county)
Managed County Brush Contract	(2nd tier)

Weed Complaints

2011—4
2012—6
2013—2
2014—3
2015—7
2016—8
2017—3



WCCB...Financial Report

EXPENDITURES—General Fund	2015-16	2016-17
Administration	\$427,451	\$476,766
Operations & Maintenance	\$91,302	\$155,156
Gypsum City Budget	\$79,840	\$81,033
EXPENDITURES—General Supplemental Fund	\$152,454	\$174,956
EXPENDITURES—Rural Basic		
<u>Integrated Roadside Vegetation Mgmt.</u>	<u>\$142,279</u>	<u>\$155,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$893,326	\$1,042,911



Special Account Balance

REAP Account	\$35,883
Conservation Trust	\$181,343

REVENUE	2015-16	2016-17
Recreation Fees (Camping, Shelter, rentals)	\$139,617	\$155,408
State Grants & Reimbursements	\$107,665	\$107,637
Rental (land & equipt)	\$ 3,068	\$ 1,386
Sale of Wood, Publications, etc	\$ 2,644	\$ 3,952
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>\$ 18,832</u>	<u>\$ 17,926</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$271,826	\$286,309

2016-17 Highlights

- ▶ Supervisors fund \$680,000 road re-surfacing project throughout Kennedy Park
- ▶ Webster & Hamilton Counties host 2016 IACCB Fall Conference
- ▶ Badger Creek Streambank Stabilization Project completed in partnership with City of Fort Dodge
- ▶ Gypsum City OVH Campground is completed/Phase 1-3 corridor revision completed/New logo
- ▶ Camp Wanoki purchase complete/Utilities updated/parking lot constructed
- ▶ Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation purchases 50-ac. Eness Addition to Carlson Recreation Area
- ▶ Conservation Department implements on-line reservation system through mycountyparks.com
- ▶ Conservation Board & Board of Supervisors unanimously support funding Iowa's Natural Resource & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund
- ▶ Kennedy Park Playscape constructed with private fundraising effort
- ▶ Pat Shehan, Park Ranger resigns to accept position with Story County Conservation Board
- ▶ Conservation Board approves *Des Moines River & Lizard Creek Master Plan* in partnership with City of Fort Dodge and Department of Natural Resources



STAFF	Yrs.
Matt Cosgrove, Director	21
Cody Peterson, Operations Supervisor	10
Pat Shehan, Ranger	18
Darren Herzog, Ranger/OHV Manager	10
Brad Janssen, Ranger	5
Karen Hansen, EE Coordinator	24
Erin Ford, Co/DNR Naturalist	12
Joni Hefley, Office Manager	2
Andy Stanberg, Vegetation Specialist	5
Tasha Nielsen, Trail/Natural Resource Tech.	3
Dave Scherff, Natural Resource Tech.	32

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