



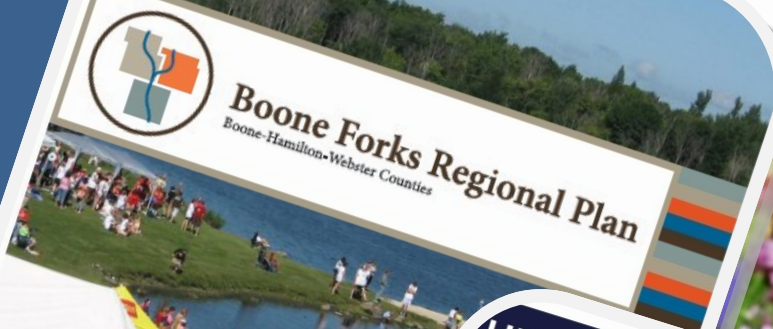
Fiscal Year 2017-18

## An ANNUAL REPORT of the Webster County Conservation Board

### Mission Statement

*The Webster County Conservation Board exists to protect, manage and interpret our natural resources and open spaces for the benefit of present and future generations.*

### WCCB plans for a bright tomorrow...



### Board Members

Yrs.

Jerry Beck	12
Beth Collins	7
Nick Carlson	3
Geri Winge	4
Kirk Seltz	12

## Webster County's Natural Areas

### Area

### Acres

#### Key WCCB Projects

- ▶ Kennedy Park Boat Ramp, Shelter, Restroom Project
- ▶ Kennedy Park Campground Electric upgrade & seasonal sites
- ▶ Camp Wa-No-Ki Lodge—old building removed and new lodge construction begins
- ▶ Camp Wa-No-Ki Riverview Cabin & Hike-in Campsites completed
- ▶ WCCB Rules & Regulations update
- ▶ Rangers adopt in-vehicle computers to manage MACH/TRACS/On-line reservations

1. Bob Hay Memorial Wildlife Area	225
2. Becker Wildlife Area	10
3. Carlson Recreation Area	176
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,400.6</b>



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

## Land Management

2017-18

#### Land Management Activity

Native Grass & CRP Seeding—public	8 acres
Private acres seeded with CCB drill	152 acres
Prescribed Burning	121 acres
Acres of native seed ordered	273.5 acres
Bridge & Ditch Clean-out plantings	20
Trees planted	700
Canada Thistle spraying	(North 1/2 of county)
Leafy Spurge spraying	(North 1/2 of county)
County Brush Contract	(3rd tier)

#### Weed Complaints

2012—6
2013—2
2014—3
2015—7
2016—8
2017—3
<b>2018—3</b>



# WCCB...Financial Report

<b>EXPENDITURES—General Fund</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Administration	\$476,766	\$473,984
Operations & Maintenance	\$236,189	\$228,013
<b>EXPENDITURES—General Supplemental Fund</b>	<b>\$174,956</b>	<b>\$173,864</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES—Rural Basic</b>		
<u>Integrated Roadside Vegetation Mgmt.</u>	<u>\$155,000</u>	<u>\$156,908</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,042,911</b>	<b>\$1,032,769</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR FUNDED PROJECTS</b>		
Kennedy Park Campground Electric upgrade	\$20,000	
Boat Ramp—Shelter & Restroom Project	\$78,970	
Camp Wa-No-Ki Lodge	\$142,028	



## Special Account Balance

REAP Account	\$39,020
Conservation Trust	\$198,904

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Recreation Fees (Camping, Shelter, rentals)	\$155,408	\$179,509
State Grants & Reimbursements	\$107,637	\$ 86,734
Rental (land & equip)	\$ 1,386	\$ 8,846
Sale of Wood, Publications, etc.	\$ 3,952	\$ 3,457
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>\$ 17,926</u>	<u>\$ 18,350</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$286,309</b>	<b>\$296,896</b>

## 2017-18 Highlights

- ▶ Gypsum City Campground opens
- ▶ Boone Forks Regional Parks Plan completed with Boone & Hamilton Counties
- ▶ Host for “River Road Show” with Iowa River Revival to showcase the Des Moines River Water Trail
- ▶ WCCB starts on-line reservations for camping and facility reservations through mycountyparks.com
- ▶ WCCB offers kayak & canoe rental program
- ▶ Awarded at \$75,000 Habitat Stamp Grant to purchase a 50-acre addition to Carlson Recreation Area
- ▶ DNR terminates twelve year shared Naturalist position due to state budget cuts
- ▶ WCCB areas host two locations for “Fireball Run” filming locations
- ▶ Camp Wa-No-Ki host site for statewide “Becoming an Outdoor Woman” Program
- ▶ WCCB completes five-year strategic plan
- ▶ Conservation Board & staff participate in long-range planning retreat and tour
- ▶ Webster County completes “Hike & Bike” Trail Master Plan with City of Fort Dodge
- ▶ City of Fort Dodge & Webster County renew 28E agreement for shared trail position
- ▶ Iowa Tourism shoots Gypsum City OHV Park promotional video

### STAFF

### Yrs.

Matt Cosgrove, Director	22
Cody Peterson, Operations Supervisor	12
Darren Herzog, Ranger/OHV Manager	11
Brad Janssen, Ranger	6
Karen Hansen, EE Coordinator	25
Erin Ford, Co/DNR Naturalist	13
Joni Hefley, Office Manager	3
Andy Stanberg, Vegetation Specialist	6
Tasha Nielsen, Trail/Natural Resource Tech.	4
Adam Moeding, Trail/Natural Resource Tech.	1
Dave Scherff, Natural Resource Tech.	33

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