

Fiscal Year 2018-19

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.

The Lodge at Camp Wa-No-Ki Becomes a Reality



Webster County's Natural Areas

Area

Acres

Board Members

Yrs.

Jerry Beck 13

Beth Collins 8

Nick Carlson 4

Geri Winge 5

Kirk Seltz 13



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
TOTAL	1,400.6

Management Agreement

Acres

Gypsum City OHV Park 800



Land Management

2018-19

Land Management Activity

Native Grass & CRP Seeding—public	10 acres
Private acres seeded with CCB drill	60 acres
Prescribed Burning	40 acres
Acres of native seed ordered	88 acres
Bridge & Ditch Clean-out plantings	20
Trees planted	100
Canada Thistle spraying	(South 1/2 of county)
Leafy Spurge spraying	(South 1/2 of county)
County Brush Contract	(4th tier)

Weed Complaints

2013—2

2014—3

2015—7

2016—8

2017—3

2018—3

2019—2



WCCB...Financial Report

EXPENDITURES—General Fund

	2017-18	2018-19
Administration	\$473,984	\$533,471
Operations & Maintenance	\$228,013	\$216,760

EXPENDITURES—General Supplemental Fund

	\$173,864	\$188,087
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EXPENDITURES—Rural Basic

<u>Integrated Roadside Vegetation Mgmt.</u>	<u>\$156,908</u>	<u>\$179,383</u>
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES

	\$1,032,769	\$1,117,701
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MAJOR PROJECTS

Eness Addition—Carlson Rec	\$150,565
Yurt Kits	\$ 39,420
Lodge Interior & Landscaping	\$ 56,262
ICCC Tiny House	\$ 13,000



Special Account Balance

REAP Account	\$ 41,473
Conservation Trust	\$206,504

REVENUE

	2017-18	2018-19
Recreation Fees (Camping, Shelter, Rentals)	\$179,509	\$204,280
State Grants & Reimbursements	\$ 86,734	\$126,264
Rental (land & equip)	\$ 8,846	\$ 7,621
Sale of Wood, Publications, etc.	\$ 3,457	\$ 10,344
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>\$ 18,350</u>	<u>\$ 23,656</u>

TOTAL REVENUES

	\$296,896	\$372,165
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2018-19 Highlights

- ▶ The Lodge at Camp Wa-No-Ki is completed and available for public rentals
- ▶ The Conservation Board completed a Parks, Facilities & Recreation Master Plan for all Conservation Board lands and facilities
- ▶ Webster County signs letter of intent with the Army Corps of Engineers for additional trail development using the Des Moines River Recreational Greenbelt Program
- ▶ The Conservation Board signs lease agreement with Dean & Sharon Henderson to construct a new water trail access on the Des Moines River Water Trail
- ▶ Board adopts a Land Acquisition Policy
- ▶ Board implements a Long Gun Policy (rifles & shotguns) for Park Rangers
- ▶ Department purchases a new 3-point drill through partnership with Webster County Secondary Roads and Webster County Pheasants Forever
- ▶ Webster County approves agreement with the City of Fort Dodge for mitigation oversight following the removal of the lowhead dams
- ▶ Board accepts .19 acre land transfer from the IDOT at Deer Creek Wildlife Area
- ▶ Boone, Hamilton & Webster Counties approve MOU with the Fort Dodge Convention & Visitors Bureau for administrative assistance with the Boone Forks Plan implementation



STAFF

Yrs.

Matt Cosgrove, Director	23
Cody Peterson, Operations Supervisor	13
Darren Herzog, Park Ranger	12
Brad Janssen, Park Ranger	7
Karen Hansen, EE Coordinator	26

Erin Ford, Naturalist	14
Joni Hefley, Office Manager	4
Andy Stanberg, Vegetation Specialist	7
Tasha Nielsen, Trail/Natural Resource Tech.	5
Adam Moeding, Maint/ Natural Resource Tech.	2
Dave Scherff, PT Natural Resource Tech.	34

TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE = 147

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