

February 21, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes
Iowa Whitewater Coalition
Ames, IA, 2-21-2006

Present: Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel, Nate Hoogeveen, John Wenck, Max Wellhouse, Jerry Rupert

Presiding: Lyle
Minutes: Nate

A) Water quality lobbying effort

A discussion about whether, as part of the Reconnecting the Rivers Campaign, to hire John Wenck to explore lobbying on behalf of IWC came about.

Vote item: IWC should hire John Wenck at \$20 per hour to advocate for clean water on behalf of IWC, for up to \$500.

Ayes: All

B) Bookkeeping / audit update

Julie and Nate committed to meeting with Bruce and bookkeeper Randy Adams to explore how to best set up IWC's books for expansion. No vote.

C) Commerce bridge project

It was discussed whether to oppose a bridge over the Raccoon River at Commerce or something else. Conversation centered around how IWC isn't really an anti-development group, but that we may want to influence how or where this lands in order to mitigate damage or possible even improve the ledges at Commerce. No vote.

D) E-library site

John said that the e-library is going well in some ways – he's been getting donations, and some people are borrowing materials quite a lot. But he's somewhat afraid to promote it more because it is difficult to administer as just an html Web site. He'd like to hire Brain Stroner to set up a shopping cart that keeps inventory of books and videos, and let's people know when they are gone.

Julie had questions about the treasury – she wasn't clear on how much money was in our account, what our commitments were, etc. Nate said that we think of each program as self-sustaining. For instance, if Don Propts' Iowa Clean Rivers Team needs funding, we don't draw from funds raised for the "Reconnecting the Rivers" (dams, clean water, river corridors) to support it, we raise different funds. Our general funds come from memberships and fundraisers (i.e., t-shirts, cookbooks), and that would be the fund from which we draw this member service.

Vote item: Should IWC commit to spending up to \$200 on installing a shopping cart system for the paddlers' e-library, contingent on vote to match by Central Iowa Paddlers.

Ayes: All

E) Iowa Rivers Revival and related budget items, progress report from Nate.

Nate described projected budget of approximately \$12,000. Iowa DNR has agreed to be an “Eagle Talon” sponsor, which was the final fundraising piece.