

**July 19, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Iowa Whitewater Coalition**  
**At 3410 Aurora Avenue**  
**Des Moines, IA**

Present: Lyle Danielson, Nate Hooegeveen, John Wenck, Scott Bandstra, Julie Mankel,  
Peter Komendowski

Meeting began as 6:30 p.m.

I. Treasurer's Report

- Julie Mankel provided a treasurer's report which will remain with the IWC meeting minutes.

II. Boone County Dam

- On July 19, 2006 IWC Board meeting was spent with Boone County regarding the Boone County Dam. Approximately 20 people were present at this meeting.
- Boone Water Works representative, Roy Martin, indicated that Boone County was going to put signs up at the Boone Water Works Dam on July 20, 2006.
- Nate Hooegeveen indicated that according to a DNR book, Boone County did own this dam.
- IWC Board members Lyle Danielson, John Wenck and Nate Hooegeveen attended this meeting and indicated the Boone County officials wanted to make this situation right. The warning signs went up the next day.
- Boone County was interested in modifying the dam.
- An Iowa State legislator, Donovan Olson, indicated that if he was re-elected that he would push for a dam modification fund of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per year.
- A Boone County supervisor, Mike O'Brien, and an unnamed state legislator, indicated that it was also in agreement with pushing the Iowa Legislature for money for dam modifications.
- Nate Hooegeveen indicated that DNR was also talking about finding funding for modifying low head dams.
- There will be an application from the Corp of Engineers to modify the Boone County dam and also provide a foot bridge across the access for paddlers and the snowmobilers in the winter.
- At the Boone County meeting, John Wenck met with a family member of the drowning victim. John also indicated that he and a family member of the drowning victim will have an interview with Fox News tomorrow.
- There is public support and substantial discussions were made regarding fundraising for modifying the dams.

### III. Des Moines White Water Course

- Nate Hoogeveen indicated that in talking with whitewater course engineer, Rick McLaughlin, he was commissioned by the DSM Water Works to put a dam on the Raccoon River near Interstate 35.
- Rick also indicated regarding the DSM River white water course, that there was a discussion to move the levees on the north side of the river to increase the flood plain and provide more areas for whitewater features.
- There was also discussion about attempting to find an anchor store near the whitewater course including REI.
- Lyle Danielson agreed to contact DSM Parks and Recreation representative, Don McLaughlin, to see what steps IWC could assist in moving along obtaining a final feasibility study from Rick McLaughlin.

### IV. Commerce Ledges

- Lyle Danielson and Nate Hoogeveen and possibly John Wenck will have a conference call with Dave Thompson and WDSM Parks and Recreation representative, Gary Scott on July 20, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.
- If the State owns the Commerce Ledges area property, would WDSM have to obtain a sovereign land permit from the DNR?
- IWC members expressed concern about the City of WDSM wanting to construct a bridge over the Raccoon River at or near Commerce Ledges.
- Proposed cost to modify Commerce Ledges is approximately \$110,000.00.

### V. Fundraising

- Peter Komendowski looked at IWC's donation form and indicated he would make changes to make it more inclusive to the general public.
- Upon completion, the donation form will go to the printing company.
- John Wenck indicated that he would be willing to write the Prairie Meadows and water trails grants. Furthermore, he indicated that there were other grants that he could look at doing.
- Peter Komendowski discussed issues regarding fundraising including mission, testimonials, brochures and modifying the current IWC video to focus more on fundraising
- A motion was made and seconded and approved by the Board that a donation button be placed on the IWC web page. IWC's fundraising goal is approximately \$900,000.00 per its three year strategic plan.

### VI. Project Destiny

- Nate Hoogeveen presented information regarding Project Destiny. The Board's consensus was that we would stay out of political affiliations or projects at least with Project Destiny.

### VII. Next IWC Meeting

- The next IWC Board meeting was set for August 23, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. at John Wenck's residence.