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Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE:

The IACCB Calendar is also available online via the IACCB link on MCP.com

- * Aug. 16 – IACCB Mtg. - Marshalltown
- * Aug. 18 – District 4 Mtg. - Montgomery County
- * Oct. 3-5 – CCPOA 32nd Fall Workshop – Johnston
- * Oct. 27 – 4th Ann. New CCB Employee School – D.M.
- * Nov. 2-4 – IAN Fall Workshop – TBA
- * Nov. 30 – Dec. 2 – Fall ISAC/CCDA – Des Moines
- * Jan. 24-26 – WINTERFEST 2017 - Waterloo

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IN IT -

TO WIN!

IOWA'S
WATER
& LAND
LEGACY

Aug. 4th - IACCB Board of Directors sign a statewide banner at their summer board meeting

Historic meetings this past week of both the **IACCB Board of Directors**, and the **IWILL Executive Committee** as both bodies committed to pushing forward with an all-out effort to secure funding for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund during the 2017 Iowa Legislative Session. IACCB's consistent and steady increase in supportive statewide initiatives these past four years were not without an overriding mission to get the Trust funded – YOUR continued support has been invaluable every step of the way! As follows.....

- 2013** – Statewide ballot initiative demonstrating 96% statewide support
- 2014** – Statewide UN-MET NEEDs listing with 87 CCBs (*and counting*) participating
- 2015** – Statewide Resolution by CCBs to Fund the Trust – 90 CCBs passed resolutions
- 2016** - **#FUNDTHETRUST** Banner initiative – currently at 57 CCBs and building!

IACCB has committed increasing financial resources and staff time each successive year, and now to hopefully culminate with the funding goal victory in 2017! Were it not for the strong support of a full 99-county-strong IACCB membership base each year, and our collective sustained participation at the highest levels on many fronts – this decade-long vision would not be at the historic threshold it has arrived at today!

"This is why we need sustainable and dedicated funding...." – this language (**OUR language!**) from **Governor Branstad** this past week as he toured Iowa talking about water quality. Additionally - he has referenced the Trust Fund by name, and the 3/8 cent on numerous occasions over the past many weeks – even as early as May! ALL stakeholders have taken note of these comments, as well as his current proposal(s) – collectively, the challenge to ALL of us will be to educate and guide our legislators AND the Governor to the correct and **ONLY conclusion** – **FUND THE TRUST** as 63% of Iowans voted for in 2010, **FUND THE TRUST** with the formula intact as developed by the bipartisan and professional Sustainable Funding Committee, and **FUND THE TRUST in 2017!**

Oh - One other piece of **GOOD** (*actually grrreat!*) **NEWS** – the **IWILL Executive Committee** is very pleased to welcome the **Iowa Soybean Association** as a full participating partner to the mission and goals of our broader coalition! **WooHoo!** 😊 😊



REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEXT WEEK!!

DEADLINE is August 15th!! THAT'S NEXT MONDAY!! As in past years at this juncture in the summer, we usually find a low # of CCBs having registered for the conference – so too for this year – **only 24 counties registered so far** ☹️ The good news is there is still time! While it is not critical to have your \$\$ in, we most certainly need your numbers/names, etc. Please do, however, understand that we will commit to caterers, bus companies, etc. and incur costs on your behalf – so plan on honoring your submitted registrations by your payment for those names and numbers that you send in – thanks! (FYI - We lost several hundred \$\$ in 2015 when some CCBs failed to pay the registration fees for individuals they had sent names in for) **Hamilton CCB** is receiving all the registrations, so if you find yourself bumping up against the deadline, or have some questions – give them a call at **(515) 832-9570.....THANKS!**



ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT CONFERENCE UPDATES!

LODGING – The **Best Western Starlite is SOLD OUT** – if you are still holding rooms that you will not be using – please notify the hotel and release them to the waiting list. Other lodging options in Fort Dodge include: The **Americinn (515) 576-2100**, OR – the all-new **Sleep Inn (515) 302-8508**.

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS – Other than the wonderful items being crafted by the host CCBs, and a couple of vendor items – **we have received zero-zip-nada from other counties**. WE NEED TO KNOW if you are planning to bring a donation for the auction so that we ensure we have enough table display space, bid sheets, pens, etc. The **SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORMS are available on the conference webpage** – link below. The conference silent auction, in tandem with the raffle, are the **ONLY** fund-raisers for IACCB each year. Funds generated support educational programs put on by IACCB, as well as help in keeping conference registration fees at reasonable prices. Partner up and put a basket together now! We look forward to receiving your **DONATION FORM** soon! ☺️

RAFFLE – The raffle license is in hand – so let the ticket sales commence! Purchase your chance(s) for either the kayak OR custom knife pictured above, advance ticket sales are available by contacting **Hamilton CCB – (515) 832-9570**. Ticket prices are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and can also be purchased at the conference registration table!

Got Questions? – IACCB@MyCountyParks.com

LINK TO INFO: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/2016-fall-conference.html>

Many thanks to the Hamilton & Webster CCBs for all their hard work and creativity in crafting us one great IACCB Fall Conference – looking forward to seeing you all there – get those registrations IN!



Following a two-year hiatus – your **IACCB Board of Directors** is proud to once again be donning their chef aprons to cook you up that wonderful **fish fry for the Thursday evening** festivities! Join us for wine & craft beer tasting along with our Preferred Vendors and Exhibitors – bus transportation is provided from the hotel. *(Be sure that you have properly registered and paid the fee for this special event ☺️ ☺️)*



Special thanks to our Major conference sponsor, **VeroBlue Farms** for donating the gourmet fish for this event! A tour of their facilities is provided as a pre-conference tour event on that Thursday if you happen to be a bit more curious! ☺️





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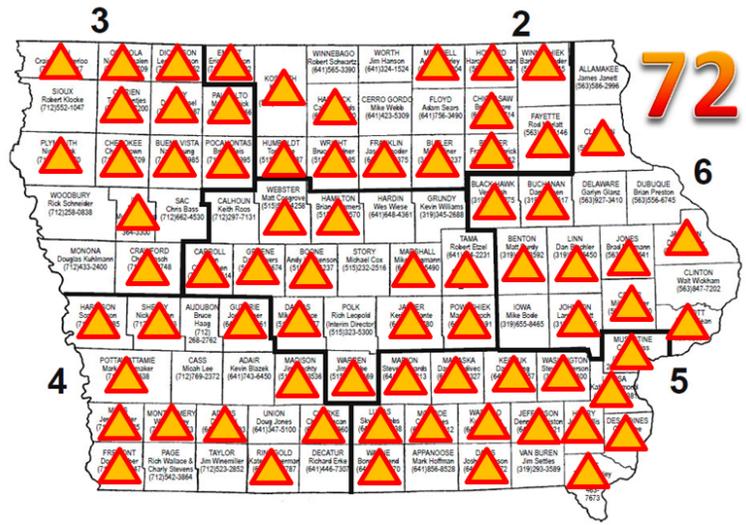
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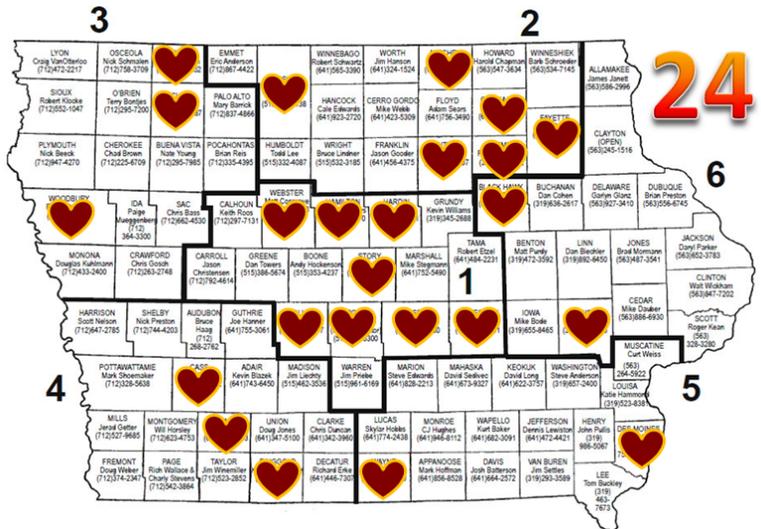
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SALARY SURVEY SURGES TO 72!

This effort was launched in late June, with a targeted wrap-up date of August 31st – giving everyone a full two months to get your FY2017 salary data submitted. We are almost at ¾ of the CCBs “in-hand”, and still have three weeks to go! A couple of you have needed me to send out a follow-up copy of your FY2016 information for updating, so if any of you **remaining 27 CCBs** need me to do so, just let me know! For the past several years we have had 96+ CCBs participate, which makes for a very solid & accurate data base – thanks for your diligence! ☺



24 CCBs “In the Hunt” for HABITAT AWARDS

Some years we get just a handful, other years we get 30+, special thanks to the 24 CCBs who submitted their surveys by this past Friday’s deadline of August 5th! ☺ Of the 24, eleven are in the category of counties with populations of over 20,000 – and the remaining 13 are from counties with populations under 20,000. So, some good competition for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plaques in each category! The awards will be announced at the IACCB Annual Meeting on September 17th in Ft. Dodge. IACCB has partnered with the **Iowa Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America** since 1973 to recognize those CCBs that go above and beyond each year with the improvement of wildlife habitat in their county. It is always a reward to see/hear of the wealth of time /\$\$ invested in Iowa’s habitat each year. Kudos to you all! ☺



Frequently, the question gets asked.....

WHAT'S IN IT FOR US??

The **Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund Annual Report**, even without the Trust being funded, has been updated and available each year since 2011. The current 2016 report is and has been available via the IACCB link on MyCountyParks.com, as well as in the "IWILL INFORMATION" file in the Portal. This has always been a "good read", and we have encouraged everyone to take the time to digest the information it contains so that you may be better informed, as well as a better advocate when discussing the merits and benefits of the trust.

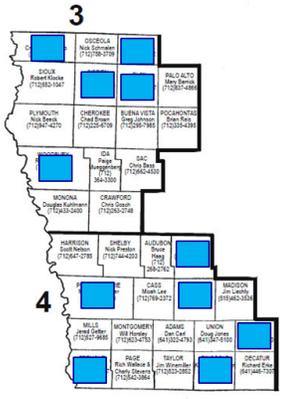
NEW FOR 2017 is an updated document in the Portal simply titled "**What's In It For CCBs?**". You can find this two-page document in the "IWILL INFORMATION – 2017" file, and it has basically gleaned the relative CCB information from the Annual Report – putting it in to a reference document for you to use. I plan to distribute this document around the state a District Meetings, as well as have a stack on hand for the IACCB Fall Conference in Fort Dodge. **YOU ASKED FOR IT – You Got it!** IACCB@MyCountyParks.com



DISTRICT 3 and 4 IACCB REPRESENTATIVE BALLOTS DUE AUGUST 30th

Balloting for **District Board Member Representatives** to the IACCB Board of Directors from Districts 3 and 4 is currently underway. Official ballots were distributed to CCB Directors via email on July 6th. To-date we have received return ballots from five CCBs in District 3, and six CCBs in District 4. Thanks to each of you that have already participated! We look forward to hearing from the remainder CCBs prior to **the August 30th deadline**.

Should your **District 3 or 4 CCB** need a replacement ballot sent out for distribution to board members – please contact IACCB to let us know. IACCB@mycountyparks.com We appreciate your participation in this process to select your local regional conservation board member to represent your District to the IACCB Board of Directors – thanks!



REAP CERTIFICATION REPORTS ON THEIR WAY FROM THE DNR

Keep your eye on your inbox for that email coming soon from **Kathleen Moench** requesting your .22 levy verification that you need to complete with your Auditor. Auditors need to sign off on these forms and snail-mail them in to the DNR per directions. Once you receive this request – please turn them around as quickly as you can. **NO REAP \$\$ CAN BE RELEASED UNTIL ALL 99 REAP CERTIFICATION REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.** Each year we seem to be waiting for a straggler or two – which precludes everyone from receiving their FY2017 REAP "per county" and "per capita" dollars. Thanks for your timely attention to this emailed request upon its arrival to your inbox. Should you have any questions, please contact Kathleen directly at: **(515) 725-8213** kathleen.moench@dnr.iowa.gov



THE NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT!!

It is time to revisit and update our document – "**The UN-MET Needs of County Conservation**" that we have been working on for the past two years. You can find the current version in the "**IWILL INFORMATION**" file of the **IACCB Portal**. Please review the information you have previously provided and provide me with updates as needed. AND – I don't necessarily need a dollar-by-dollar itemization for your entries, but I would like to have a solid estimate of the value of the items you have listed. We are hearing that this list, and others like it, will be key resources for us to educate legislators this upcoming session – to demonstrate the statewide local needs that will benefit from a funded Trust.

There are 12 CCBs that we still need information from, and a couple of you that really need to put some more effort into what was previously submitted.....so, a good juncture here to bolster up this document in order that it may serve us well in the discussions and educational opportunities that are looming these next many months. Please consider this review to be high on your priority lists in the next couple months – I look forward to your updates & \$\$ amounts!



I.A.C.C.B. ELECTRONIC ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM



Please use the form fields below to register your CCB representative(s) for the **2016 New County Conservation Employee School on October 27th**. You may register one or more participants with one form submission. For registration questions, please contact us via email at: IACCB@mycountyparks.com
REGISTRATION DEADLINE - September 16, 2016.

2016 NEW COUNTY CONSERVATION EMPLOYEE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION - Thursday, October 27th, Des Moines

2016 FALL SCHOOL

October 27th
Des Moines

The premier opportunity for new county conservation employees to get a one day BLAST of essential CCB information is at hand! IACCB is excited and pleased to be able to bring you this **4th Annual New County Conservation Employee School – free of charge** to you and your county! Representatives from the Iowa DNR, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Iowa Tourism, IPERS and IACCB team up to bring you a fast-paced day of information, networking and WOW! moments ☺ Not to mention that each participant receives their own copy of the all-new **2016 County Conservation New Employee Manual!**

Looking at an estimated 60+ new permanent employees that have entered Iowa's County Conservation System this past year – we are rolling out this registration a bit early in order to get a measure on the number of employees that may be attending. We have reserved tentative space for 30, but suspect we may exceed that number – and need to know far enough in advance to make adjustments! Please note the **September 16th early registration deadline** to help us out with this planning! *(Additional registrations will be accepted until October 17th – but we need an early count of those new employees already on board!)* Utilize the link below to access the simple online registration form for this school. Additional information and a registration “packet” will be available soon! ☺

REGISTER HERE: <http://countyconservationregistration.weebly.com/>

CCPOA 31st ANNUAL WORKSHOP

We anticipate that the **Registration Packet** and workshop agenda will be out to members within a couple of days! The 31st Annual Workshop, Firearms Training Day and Annual Meeting are scheduled for October 3-5 at Camp Dodge and the Ramada Inn North in Johnston. Registration deadline will be in mid-September – so be prepared to expedite those forms in ASAP. The traditional lodging block for the event is at the Ramada – **(515) 278-0271**



NOTE: Eight CCBs have seasonal job openings with “Open Until Filled” as the deadline for application – please consider if you still need the postings to be “live” – thanks!

**EMPLOYMENT
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