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**SAVE THE DATE:**

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

\* Jan. 24-26 – Winterfest 2017 - Waterloo

\* Feb. 3-4 – ICEC Wksp. at Springbrook CEC

\* Feb. 3 – District 3 Mtg. – Crawford CCB

\* Feb. 4 – District 4 Mtg. – Pottawattamie CCB

\* Feb 4 – District 5 Mtg. – Washington CCB

\* Feb. 21 – Chickasaw Co. – S130/190 Fire Course

\* Feb. 23 – District 1 Mtg. – Polk CCB

\* Mar. 8-10 – Spring IAN – Plymouth Co.

\* Mar. 8 – County Day at the Capitol

\* Mar. 9-10 – Spring ISAC – Des Moines

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# Newsletter

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## CALL TO ACTION!!

### READY WITH THOSE POSTCARDS?

*Two tasks at hand for you all.....*

**(#1)** - The **IWILL Coalition** would like us to pull two pieces of information from all those postcards that you are sitting on. We need to have you harvest and send in the **names and Zip codes** from each postcard. The **Coalition** can then plug this information into each legislative district as an indicator of local support for **Funding the Trust**. Please send those along to me (IACCB) at your earliest convenience! We have 72 CCBs that have at least 50 of these postcards, so we look forward to 1,000+ names to roll on in! To expedite the process on this end, if you could enter these into an Excel file to send, that will be fantastic!

**(#2)** – **Addressed to Legislators at the Capitol.** As indicated with the instructions you received with the banners and postcards – please make sure that you have each postcard addressed to your appropriate Senators and Representatives at their State Capitol address. We are leaning towards a postcard barrage in the next couple of weeks – most likely via USPS mail. Hold off on affixing any postage at this time, as there may be a legislative forum or two out there that could be an opportunity to dispense a few. We just want you all ready to launch on a short notice – thanks! (As a reminder – IACCB can reimburse you for your postage if you need it) **THANKS** for your participation in this very important aspect of the 2017 Legislative Session! **#FUNDTHETRUST!!**

## 99 COUNTIES – 300 SUPPORTIVE FARMERS!?!

The **IWILL Coalition** is also in the process of developing a database of coalition farmers in all 99 counties. **Grant Young** is heading-up this assemblage effort for the **Coalition**, and has engaged our statewide footprint for assistance in providing names of local farmers you may be aware of that are favorable towards IWILL? Please feel free to communicate directly with Grant and email the names to him at [grantyoung72@hotmail.com](mailto:grantyoung72@hotmail.com) or give him a call at [515-402-6715](tel:515-402-6715) As with providing the postcard information referenced above, the sooner we can receive this information to utilize in communications with legislators, the better. **THANKS in advance** with your general assistance on these internal legislative preparatory collections!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I am asking you to fully fund Iowa's Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund because \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that funding the trust involves an increase in the Iowa sales tax by 3/8 of one cent.

Sincerely,

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_



The **Madrid Action Committee** (top) and **Montezuma Lions Club** pose with signed banners. Please feel free to send along your remaining or **NEW PHOTOS** at any time – thanks!



# PREFERRED VENDOR UPDATES

## WELCOME PREMIER POLYSTEEL!

We are pleased to welcome a new Preferred Vendor for 2017 – **Premier Polysteel of Northwood, IA**. You can read more about them - AND, all **30 IACCB Preferred Vendors** via the IACCB link on MCP.com !

### PREMIER POLYSTEEL

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We also **WELCOME BACK** returning Preferred Vendors **Kunau Implement of Preston, IA** and **Conservation Corps of Iowa of Ames, IA!** IACCB has had Preferred Vendor Members of the Association since 1960 – they are a critical piece of our organization and provide great products and services for all of us! Be sure to stop by the vendor booths at Winterfest, and consider utilizing our Preferred Vendors when you are looking for products or services that they can provide!

## SHIVE-HATTERY ARCHITECTURE + ENGINEERING

We are excited to share with you that **Shive-Hattery** has become the very first Preferred Vendor to sign-on and **endorse the IWILL Coalition efforts to Fund the Trust!!** They initiated discussions with IACCB a few months back, and finalized their support just yesterday. I know that several CCBs have great working relationships with Shive-Hattery, and can appreciate that they are sharing our visions of what Funding the Trust will mean for the future of Iowa. They too now have their own **#FUNDTHE TRUST** banner & postcards, and have joined the Coalition's efforts to secure the Trust funding in 2017! Congrats to **Emily Naylor** for pulling all the necessary pieces together so we could have a conversation to get this ball rolling! Thanks once again to **Shive-Hattery** for their visionary endorsement!!

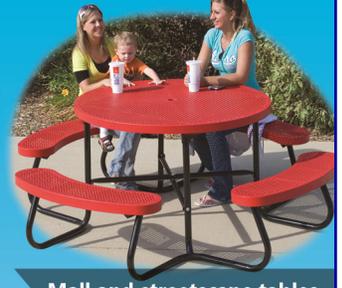
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## New Board Member Information

RESOURCES FOR NEW CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBERS

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IACCB PREFERRED VENDOR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM



# NEW BOARD MEMBER

## ORIENTATION?

*(Follow the "IACCB" link at the bottom of any page on our website, MyCountyParks.com)*

January is frequently the month that many county conservation boards are welcoming new board members. In 2012, IACCB moved the welcoming and orientation documents to an online setting as indicated above. These are updated annually, and are available for you at all times. You are welcome to either view them online, download them to a computer/tablet, or print them off. They work best when paired in conversation with the CCB Director – especially the PowerPoint. Should you need a hard-copy of the Board Member Handbook, we still have a pretty good supply – just let me know and we can get some on their way to you!

**Regional New Board Member Workshops are being deferred until 2018** – to give the IACCB Board of Directors time to work with the Director's Association in developing the proper curriculum and program scope that will be attractive to all conservation board members. In the meantime – be sure to take advantage of the educational materials that IACCB provides online. Also, many of you have newly elected Board of Supervisors, Auditors, etc. – who would all benefit from a luncheon presentation or meeting with you to share more information about your department, etc. IACCB will be making a presentation to all newly elected Board of Supervisors at the **New County Officer's School** in Des Moines next week – getting them all primed up for your local conversations!



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DISTRICT MAP OF CCBS & DIRECTORS  
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COUNTY CONSERVATION CODE - CHAPT. 350  
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GENDER BALANCED BOARD - Sample Application  
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## CAPITOL DAYS ON TAP!

Mark your calendars to attend all or one of the following advocacy days at the Iowa State Capitol:

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – County Day at the Capitol**

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – REAP Day at the Capitol**

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – IWILL Day at the Capitol**

IACCB will have a presence (table in rotunda) at each of these important events with handouts, information, buttons, etc. Be sure to contact your legislator(s) in advance to advise them that you will be there, and would like to meet with them!



**2007** - Hazelton, Vern Fish and Pat Boddy as Linn, Black Hawk & Polk CCBs initiated collaboration to establish MyCountyParks.com

## VERN FISH TO RETIRE!

For 37+ years, **Vern Fish** has been a notable figure in Iowa's County Conservation System! From orchestrating and presenting at conferences, to being an active advocate at the State Capitol, to being a birth parent for MyCountyParks, to leading a watershed coalition, and ever-advocating for more conservation education funding – Vern's presence has been vibrantly felt around Iowa for nearly four decades! He will be "Paddling off to New Adventures" at the end of this month – retiring from his current position as **Director of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board**. You are invited to join a multitude of fellow CCB folks and conservation peers in wishing Vern our collective best as the BHCCB hosts an **Open House on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Black Hawk County Conservation Offices**, 1346 West Airline Highway in Waterloo. Hearty **CONGRATULATIONS to Vern** on a job well done – your dedication, determination & creativity will be long-remembered!





# WINTERFEST IN TWO WEEKS!

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Waterloo at Winterfest in a short 12 days! Those of you that have volunteered to assist with the resume review – THANKS! – and you can look forward to an email update next week. We already have over 90 college students registered from five campuses for “**Collegiate Day**” on Wednesday- be sure to take a moment to welcome them to county conservation!



We'll have a new **#FUNDTHETRUST** banner at Winterfest for **EVERYONE** to sign!

This is the #1 professional networking CCB conference that you will attend – **YOUR chance to expand** your personal network amongst your county conservation peers from across Iowa! Take advantage of all the educational and career-expanding opportunities you can – it's the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual & better than ever!

<http://www.mycountyparks.com/Info/WINTERFEST.aspx>

## LEGISLATIVE FORUMS!

There are literally **LEGISLATIVE FORUMS** every weekend in cities around the state between now and late-April. This weekend there are Forums in Oskaloosa, Ames & Des Moines; and next weekend (1/21) in Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Spencer and Harlan. I have placed this full listing into the “**IWILL INFORMATION – 2017**” file in the Portal. It is also accessible via this link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uU2HtE\\_ke0QrcNGEdstOSm3sTZ8gb\\_VFZgSchOKUqGYo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uU2HtE_ke0QrcNGEdstOSm3sTZ8gb_VFZgSchOKUqGYo/edit?usp=sharing)



Legislative Forums are an excellent opportunity to ask the questions of your legislators as to their positions on Funding the Trust, Clean Water, etc. You may or may not want to unfurl a signed banner to demonstrate local support, discuss your **CCB's UN-MET Needs List**, etc. A “**Guide to Legislative Forums**” is also available in the Portal file referenced above.

Date	Day	Start Time	End time	Town	Event
14-Jan	Sat	8:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Oskaloosa	Eggs & Issues
14-Jan	Sat	8:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	Ames	Legislative Wake Up
15-Jan	Sun	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Des Moines	Legislative Forum
21-Jan	Sat	10:00 a.m.	noon	Davenport	Legislative Forum
21-Jan	Sat	10:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	Cedar Rapids	Legislative Forum
21-Jan	Sat	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Spencer	Eggs & Issues
21-Jan	Sat	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Harlan	Legislative Coffee
27-Jan	Fri	4:40 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Cedar Falls	Legislative Forum
28-Jan	Sat	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Council Bluffs	Legislative Coffee
28-Jan	Sat	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Mount Pleasant	Legislative Forum
28-Jan	Sat	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Iowa City	Legislative Forum



### CCB “BUY, SELL or TRADE”! ☺

**Jackson County Conservation** has a 2010 Truax FLXII 812 Native Grass Drill (pull type) for sale. The Conservation Department will receive sealed bids for the sale of this drill until NOON, TUESDAY, February 21st, 2017 at the Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St. Maquoketa, IA. 52060. All interested parties are encouraged to contact the conservation office for more information or to schedule viewing of the drill. Please contact the Jackson County Conservation Office (563-652-3783) Mon-Fri 9:00 AM-4:00 PM for more information. (NOTE: IACCB is happy to assist you with sales of equipment, exhibits, etc. and would prefer to utilize our monthly newsletter as the advertising tool to do so – feel free to consider this option for you in the future!) ☺



<http://www.mycountyparks.com/Jobs/Default.aspx>

1. BREMER Co. - Director
2. LEE Co. – Naturalist
3. DICKINSON Co. – E.E. Coordinator/Naturalist
4. ELLSWORTH College – Faculty
5. TEMPORARY POSITIONS – 33+ opportunities listed on website



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