

SAVE THE DATE:

The IACCB Calendar is also available online - which also provides agenda info, and mapping directions: IACCB link on MCP.com

- * June 8 - Visitor Protection Workshop - Iowa CCB
- * June 15 - District 6 Mtg. - Linn County
- * June 15 - District 5 Mtg. - Muscatine County
- * July 12-13 - CCPOA Exec. Meeting - Boone Co.
- * Aug. 1 - Renewal of IACCB FY2017 Memberships due
- * Aug. 1-3 - IAN Workshop - Story CCB
- * Aug. 18 - District 4 Mtg. - Montgomery County
- * Oct. 3-5 - CCPOA 32nd Fall Workshop - Johnston
- * Jan. 24-26 - WINTERFEST 2017 - Waterloo

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IACCB 2016 Fall Conference



September 15-17

#FUNDTHE TRUST



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BANNERS ARE ORDERED!!

Shipping boxes have arrived, and the postcards have been designed! **THANKS** to the **first 14 CCBs** that have requested to participate in this important initiative - **Black Hawk, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Clay, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Lee, Louisa, Lyon, Scott, Shelby, Webster and Woodbury!** We know that this is a busy

time of year for all, but it would be great to get these in your hands as soon as possible in order for you not to miss any opportunities to promote **FUNDING THE TRUST**, gathering signatures on the banners, filling out postcards and taking those all-important group pictures! Please review the information in the previous IACCB Newsletter, and send along your request for the banners and materials - **at no cost to you!** We look forward to hearing from you soon! IACCB@MyCountyParks.com

IWILL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The partners of the **IWILL Executive Committee** met this past week in Des Moines (INHF, IACCB, DU, PF and TNC) - in part to debrief the process from the 2016 Legislative Session, as well as to look ahead towards the 2017 Session. Consensus is that the 2017 session is looking to be our best opportunity since 2010 to secure funding for the

Trust! Plans to mount this serious effort will be ramping up over the next several weeks, with two meetings scheduled this week. The Committee briefly reviewed the IACCB **#FUNDTHE TRUST** initiative, and commended the mission for the early start towards the 2017 Legislative Session. Stay tuned for additional information to be forthcoming! ☺



PETERSON TO RETIRE FROM WOODBURY CCB



Join Woodbury CCB on **Thursday, June 30th, 1 to 3 PM** at the **Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center** in celebration of the 38-year county conservation career of **Mark Peterson!** The former Director of the Pocahontas CCB (1978-1990) joined the WCCB staff in 1990. Among the many statewide leadership roles, Mark was an inaugural member of the REAP Grant Review Committee in 1989, and dedicated 26 years to serving the broader good of the CCB system. Hope to see many of you on the 30th! ☺

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Jim Pease, Story CCB
Board Member

WILLIAMS RETIREMENT EPILOGUE ☺

There was a stalwart crowd on hand this past Thursday to provide best wishes to Carol Williams, a long-time employee of the Story CCB. The fun stories and fond memories were frequent – as was the appreciation for her decades of dedicated service. Retired Director, Steve Lekwa was on hand – who had hired Carol in 1986; Current Story CCB Director, Mike Cox presented Carol with a plaque of appreciation; Tom Hazelton presented her an IACCB Certificate of Appreciation; and Jim Pease, of course – told us some great stories while honoring Carol. Her presence amongst the active ranks of CCB employees will be missed, but we also know that Carol will remain active in our broader conservation community in various capacities. Thanks for your service – *and for the memories!* ☺ ☺



REGISTRATION DEADLINE
JUNE 3rd
Iowa County
Conservation
CONSERVATION - EDUCATION - RECREATION



2017 VISITOR PROTECTION & EMPLOYEE SAFETY WORKSHOP – Wednesday, June 8th

The 2017 edition of the **CCPOA/IACCB Visitor Protection & Employee Safety Workshop** will be hosted by the **Iowa County Conservation Board** at the **Lake Iowa Nature Center near Ladora, IA**. In one form or another, this workshop has been hosted at various locations since 1976 – originally designed to provide training and awareness for CCB and DNR seasonal staff to prepare them for their summer duties. While the format and agenda has morphed – the mission remains the same. This year, the program will provide awareness sessions on: ALICE Training (*Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate*); Severe Weather Preparedness; Ritualistic Crime & Gang Activity; Drug Awareness – Trends in Eastern Iowa; and, “The Park Visitor Mentality & You!”

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 3rd to Iowa County Conservation at sberger@co.iowa.us or by phone to **(319) 655-8465**. Cost is **\$10/person payable at check-in**. The full workshop agenda flyer is available via the CCPOA website at: <http://iowaccpoa.weebly.com/visitor-protection-workshops.html>

2017 I.A.C.C.B. FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE!

As noted in the previous newsletter, fall conference materials and registration forms are now available via the **IACCB link on MyCountyParks.com** (direct link below). The registration deadline is not until August – but how about reducing the stress levels for the **host CCBs Hamilton & Webster** by getting your registrations in by early July???

Also available via the link below is the **Silent Auction Donation Form!** Several Vendors have already donated items – but the main body of the annual auction comes from the creative entries from CCBs across the state. The revenue generated by the auction goes directly to defray costs and enables us to keep the conference registration costs at a manageable level for all counties. The \$\$ also helps IACCB provide educational training & materials throughout the year for Board Members & Staff.

So, if you have a local craftsman or artist, a local winery or business – partner up with your CVB, toss in a CCB cabin or camping adventure and generate a wonderful **Silent Auction Entry/Basket** for the bidding! And THEN – don't forget to bring your check book / credit card to bid on these great opportunities – usually going for bargain prices!! Got Questions? – IACCB@MyCountyParks.com

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



QUARTERLY EMAIL SCOOP – JUNE 3rd-ish

Quick reminder that we will be scooping (harvesting) an updated email listing from the **CONTACTS** listing in the **Portal** next weekend. Please take a moment this week to ensure that ALL new employees and Board Members email addresses are up-to-date. Many Thanks for your assistance with this communications systems update! 😊

VISION IOWA C.A.T. GRANT TO ALLAMAKEE CCB's DRIFTLESS CENTER

Total Project Cost: \$2,907,822

Amount Requested: \$486,386

Amount Awarded: \$486,386

Project Description: This project includes the construction of a 10,000 square foot, three-level **Driftless Center** along the Mississippi River to provide youth, residents and visitors the opportunity to learn about the natural sciences, conservation and history of the area. The facility will have displays and interpretive panels. **CONGRATS** to **Jim Janett**, his staff and the **Allamakee County Conservation Board!** Can't wait to see the finished facility! 😊



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DISTRICT 3 and 4 – IACCB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

On a rotating schedule each year, IACCB elects Board Member representatives to the IACCB Board of Directors from two of the six regional districts. For 2016, the two districts are in western Iowa – Districts 3 and 4. Interested candidates submit an application to the IACCB Board of Directors for review, and are then placed on a ballot for voting by their District's counties only. Applications should be submitted in the month of June in advance of the summer Board of Directors Meeting in July. Application forms are available from IACCB upon request to IACCB@MyCountyParks.com

These positions are a three-year term, and incumbents are eligible for a second term (if they choose) – for a total of 6 years. Representatives are asked to attend five meetings each year – four weekday regular meetings (*January, May, July, November*), and the IACCB Annual Fall Conference & Meeting in September. Board Members receive mileage reimbursement for travel to meetings, and are provided a luncheon for the quarterly meetings. It is anticipated that your local CCB will support the registration costs and travel expenses to the Annual Conferences. The Board of Directors will from time-to-time establish sub-committees for various areas of focus, and expects members of the Board of Directors to assume leadership roles on these committees. For questions about these positions – **please contact IACCB**, OR the existing representatives as follows: **District 3 – Darrell Frerichs** (Clay) frerichsbaitshop@hotmail.com ; **District 4 – Chris Ruhaak** (Pottawattamie) info@heartlandphotos.com

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WOODBURY Rick Schneider (712)258-0638	IDA Paige Mueggensberg (712)364-3300	SAC Chris Bass (712)662-4530		
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HARRISON Scott Nelson (712)647-2785	SHELBY Nick Preston (712)744-4203	AUDUBON Bruce Hagg (712)269-2762	GUTHRIE Joe Hanmer (641)755-3061	
POTTAWATTAMIE Mark Shoemaker (712)328-5638	CASS Mioch Lee (712)769-2372	ADAIR Kevin Blazek (641)743-6450	MADISON Jim Liechty (615)462-3536	
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FREMONT Doug Weber (712)374-2347	PAGE Rich Wellace & Cheryl Stevens (712)842-3864	TAYLOR Jim Winemiller (712)523-2852	RINGGOLD Kale Zimmerman (641)664-2787	DECATUR Richard Erke (641)446-7307

BEST PRACTICES RESOURCE in the PORTAL!

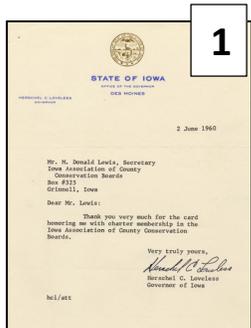
Many of you are familiar with receiving requests to respond to inquiries that are posed in the **BEST PRACTICES** section of the IACCB Portal. Have you noticed that there have been 134 questions floated since the inception of the Portal? Along with hundreds of responses? We invite you to utilize this valuable

resource as it will be there in perpetuity for this Association! It is also a sortable resource – whereby entering a keyword, you can immediately determine if a subject matter exists in the growing information database. ALSO – don't ever hesitate to scroll through those 134 topics and see if you may be able to supplement the responses with your additional comments, documents, or information – you know – on those rainy days and/or slow times! ☺

Just wanted to remind you all that this is one of those incredible resources and features of Iowa's County Conservation System that keep us ahead of the curve when compared to other county government departments in Iowa, as well as many other statewide park or conservation systems in the country!

IACCB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS CONTINUE TO ROLL IN!

A sincere pleasure to already have well over half of our 99 CCBs on board with their FY2017 memberships – having **received 47 to-date!** Like all of you, IACCB will commence new fiscal year operations in a short 30 days, so it is always good to know at this time of year that we have a tremendous head-start on those renewals! Membership renewal information and invoices for FY2017 were distributed via email in late April, with a renewal deadline of August 1st. **Many thanks** to those of you that have taken advantage of early renewals from the tail end of your current fiscal years – please let us know if you need hard-copies of the information, or a re-send of the email! ☺

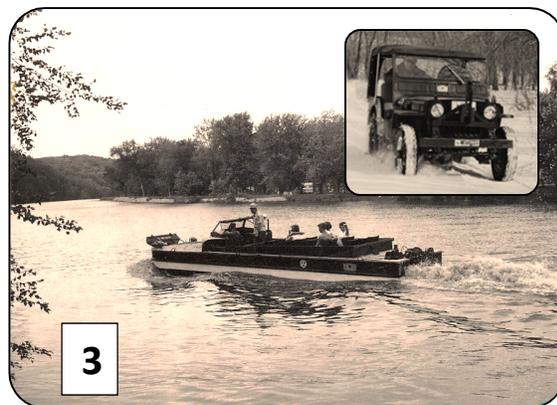


COUNTY CONSERVATION HISTORY.....Did you know that.....??

1. 1960. Then **Governor of Iowa, Herschel C. Loveless** was honored by the newly formed IACCB with a Charter Membership in the Association. IACCB Annual Meetings were held in the Spring each year, and on May 14th the Association also provided Honorary Membership to: Glen Powers, Director of the Iowa Conservation Commission; and both Wilbur Rush and Benny Freed – the two Coordinators of the County Conservation Board Activities Office with the I.C.C.

2. 1974. The **Iowa State Assoc. of Counties (ISAC)** recognized IACCB as an official affiliate of county government in Iowa. As the Director's Association became formalized in the '80s and early '90s – the CCDA assumed the role as the county conservation ISAC affiliate organization.

3. Early 1960s. The **Linn County Conservation Board** acquired numerous WWII items via Civil Defense auctions at bargain prices – including a gaggle of Willys Jeeps and an amphibious “duck”. The motorized equipment survived well into the 1970s. “The Duck” was popular at Pinicon Ridge Park as the public was provided “over land & over sea” park tours in summer months! ☺



Iowa State Association Of Counties Accepts Conservation Board Association Into Group
 Word has been received by Don Menken that the Iowa State Association of Counties has accepted the Association of County Conservation Boards into their group. This affiliation will give the County Boards additional avenues toward accomplishing some one of our goals – especially organization and legislation.
 It will be in our behalf to work with this group in our joint legislation will mean a much broader front work and our communication will be advantageous to both of us.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



JOBS

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

1. **WARREN Co. – Conservation Technician**
2. **DECATUR Co. – Conservation Technician**
3. **GUTHRIE Co. – Natural Resource Manager**
4. **VAN BUREN Co. – Exec. Director / Operations Mgr.**
5. **DICKINSON Co. – Recycle Office Clerk**
6. **DICKINSON Co. – Recycling Technician**
7. **DICKINSON Co. – Natural Resource Tech. (Part Time)**
8. **TEMPORARY POSITIONS – 22+ opportunities listed on website**



Full Time Employment

Seasonal/Part-Time – Listed on website

