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Newsletter

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AWESOMENESS OF THE IACCB CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE:

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

- * Oct. 3-5 – CCPOA 31st Fall Workshop – Johnston
- * Oct. 5 – District 2 Mtg. – Mitchell CCB
- * Oct. 20 – District 1 Mtg. – Carroll CCB
- * Oct. 27 – 4th Ann. New CCB Employee School – Des Moines
- * Nov. 2-4 – IAN Fall Workshop – Floyd CCB
- * Nov. 9 – District 3 Mtg. – Plymouth CCB
- * Nov. 10 – MCP.com Summit – Story CCB
- * Nov. 30 – Dec. 2 – Fall ISAC/CCDA – Des Moines
- * Dec. 15 – District 5 Mtg. – Van Buren County
- * Dec. 21 – District 6 Mtg. – Scott CCB
- * Jan. 24-26 – Winterfest 2017 – Waterloo

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Veteran's Memorial at Kennedy Park
Webster County



The Buchanan CCB Contingent!



Hickory Cabin at Briggs Woods Park
Hamilton County

The "County Conservation Code" (Chapter 350.2) reads....*"Members of the board shall be selected and appointed on the basis of their demonstrated interest in conservation matters...."* – and, what better way to demonstrate an interest and desire to learn than attending the **IACCB Annual Fall Conference!** Especially the start-to-finish EXCELLENT event hosted & orchestrated by the Hamilton and Webster CCBs, September 15-17, 2016. **KUDOS** to three county conservation boards that had **ALL FIVE board members** in attendance – **Buchanan, Hamilton & Webster** counties! 31 counties had Conservation Board Members in attendance, and 48 counties in total were represented at the conference – *many thanks to all of you that made it a priority to participate!*



SNYDER & ASSOCIATES
Engineers and Planners

27 EXHIBITORS provided great opportunities for attendees to learn from and interact with these providers of products and services that support our CCB system with their presence. We especially appreciate the 12 exhibitors that are **IACCB Preferred Vendors**, and THANK conference title sponsors **Huffcutt Concrete, ITC Midwest and Snyder & Associates** for their individual \$2,500 sponsorships! ☺



Exhibitors were available at the hotel, during the Fish Fry and at some of the tour stops!
(A full listing of Exhibitors is provided later in this newsletter)



Craig VanOtterloo (Lyon) & **Robert Klocke** (Sioux) invited attendees to NW Iowa for the **2017 Conference in Sioux Center** – hosted by the two CCBs.

You are invited to enjoy a pictorial review of 2016 conference highlights on the upcoming pages of this newsletter, and further invited to mark your calendars for **September 21-23, 2017** to join us in Sioux Center, IA! **Lyon and Sioux CCBs** will proudly be hosting the **58th Annual IACCB Fall Conference** with a great combination of tours, networking, educational sessions and FUN! **2018** will find us in Polk County, **2019** in Muscatine County, and a couple of CCBs are nibbling on **2020**. *Official invitations are required for the IACCB Board of Directors to consider holding the conference in your location – if you are interested in 2020 or beyond – send one along in!*

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ANNOUNCING THE 2016 E-COMMERCE SUMMIT!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION
CENTER – AMES, IA



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Representatives from the following:
- * 14 CCBs currently offering online reservations
- * CCBs planning to launch online within the next year (8-10?)
- * CCBs with questions about logistics/costs, etc. of providing such

TIMES FOR SUMMIT

- * **10:00 AM start time**, refreshments commence at 9:00 AM
- * **12:14 PM Lunch** (catered)
- * **2:30 PM Adjournment** (time approximate)

TENTATIVE AGENDA TOPICS

- * Presentation by **Vernon Meyer**, Heartland Payment Systems
- * Presentation by System Administrator **Tom Hazelton**, IACCB
 - Current Status of Website Management & Operations
 - Financial Management & Various Statistics
 - Positioning Site Management for 2020 – Strategic Plan
- * Smaller Group Sessions
 - Q & A with System Administrator (TBD by Registered CCBs)
 - Brainstorming E-Commerce Glitching/Issues
- * A Path Forward for Our Award-Winning Website
(A semi-final agenda with additional information will be emailed to all registered participants in advance of the summit)



REGISTERING FOR THE SUMMIT

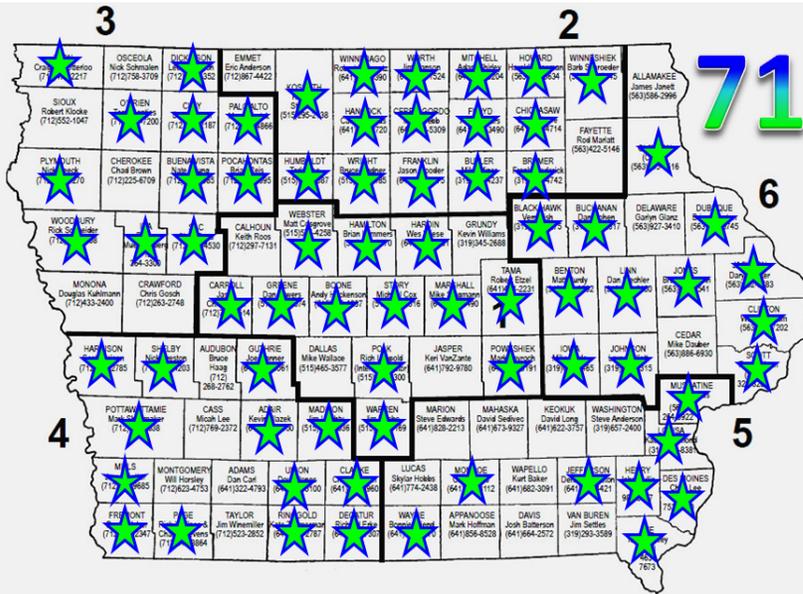
This summit meeting is provided at **NO COST** to all participants by IACCB. There is ample space at the SCCB Center, but we do ask that you fill out the 5-click online registration form via the link listed below. Select the "E-Commerce Summit" choice for your registration. The link may also be found under the **IACCB link** on any page of mycountyparks.com. ☺

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TRAINING SESSIONS:

- NEW EMPLOYEE SCHOOL - October 27th
- E-COMMERCE SUMMIT - November 10th

REGISTER HERE:

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



#FUNDTHE TRUST UPDATE

It was referenced more than once at the **IACCB Annual Conference** last week how great it would be to have banners in **EVERY** county across the state – but who's to complain about having them in **71**?! Keep those pictures coming in as you get them taken, our IACCB inventory of them is expanding nicely. We still have a handful of banners remaining should any of the 28 remaining CCBs be interested in obtaining one – IACCB@mycountyparks.com ☺ ☺

Black Hawk CCB – Friends of Hartman Reserve Board

Canoe Trip Group – Buena Vista County





IT'S THE FORMULA THEY WANT TO CHANGE!

Some of the rhetoric and comments we have heard over the past couple of weeks are giving us some pretty clear indicators that perhaps one of the main challenges for the upcoming 2017 Legislative Session will be to stand our ground on the formula for the Natural Resource and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. A couple of main points to consider:

#1. In November 2010, the people of Iowa chose to amend Iowa's Constitution and create the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund and a dedicated funding source. This passage activated Senate File 2310 (SF2310) into law on January 1, 2011, which provides the framework for the distribution, use, and accountability of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Upon enactment, SF2310 was finalized into Iowa Code Chapter 461. As mandated by Code, annual reports relating to the Trust Fund are submitted to the General Assembly *(In short, the amendment to the Iowa Constitution has limited language, which when boiled down - essentially creates the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, and provides a mechanism to fund the trust with the 3/8 cent sales tax monies)*

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#2. IOWA CODE CHAPTER 461 - Chapter Subsections 461.32 thru 461.38 describe the seven funding streams and percentages allocated from the Trust into each. (See below)

- 7% Lake Restoration
- 10% Trails
- 13% REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection Program
- 13% Local Conservation Partnership Program (LCP)
- 14% Watershed Protection
- 20% Soil Conservation and Water Protection (IDALS)
- 23% Natural Resources (DNR)



While these are in the Iowa Code, they are NOT INCLUDED in the constitutional amendment, and therefore not "constitutionally protected". If the legislature would so choose, they could open the code and change the allocation percentages. *(This has not occurred, but special interests are pushing some legislators in that direction)* THIS WOULD BE A DISASTER! **We need to remain firm and steadfast on not allowing these percentages to be modified - this is a major priority and premise of the IWILL Coalition to NOT CHANGE THE FORMULA!** Subsequent to monies flowing into the Trust, there will be administrative rules that need to be written - which is our next battle to be vigilant in fighting for what the advisory committee recommended, and legislators voted for TWICE in 2008 and 2009, and the people of Iowa agreed to support by the 63% majority approval in 2010. An EXCELLENT article is available in the **Mason City Globe Gazette** about this – by Tim Ackarman (link below):

LINK: http://globegazette.com/news/opinion/columns/ackarman-silos-and-smokescreens-we-re-not-getting-what-we/article_50856779-579d-57f5-9d77-0b3ee37b8ae6.html - September 22, 2016

NEW IACCB PREFERRED VENDOR!

IACCB is pleased to welcome our newest **Preferred Vendor** (and 29th for the year!) – **Iowa Native Trees and Shrubs** from Woodward, IA. (See information below). We look forward to working with Mike in the years ahead!

IOWA NATIVE TREES & SHRUBS

1467 296th Place
Woodward, IA 50276
(515) 975-3158

Our current full listing of **PREFERRED VENDORS** can be found on our website at: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/preferred-vendor.html> OR, via the IACCB link on any page of MyCountyParks.com !



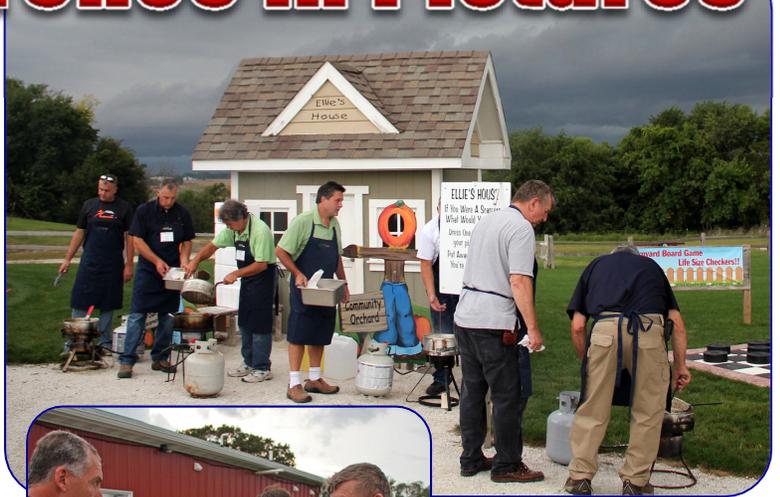
Iowa Native Trees and Shrubs specializes in growing native plants using locally collected seed and patented root pruning containers.

CONTACT: Mike Bevins, Owner
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2016 Fall Conference in Pictures



2016 IACCB Annual Meeting



IACCB Board of Directors took on the task of cooking 100 lbs. of fish for the Thursday dinner in less than desirable conditions! ☺



BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION – Hazelton thanks outgoing members of the IACCB Board of Directors – Tom Buckley (Lee) and Darrell Frerichs (Clay) for their years of service to Iowa's County Conservation System

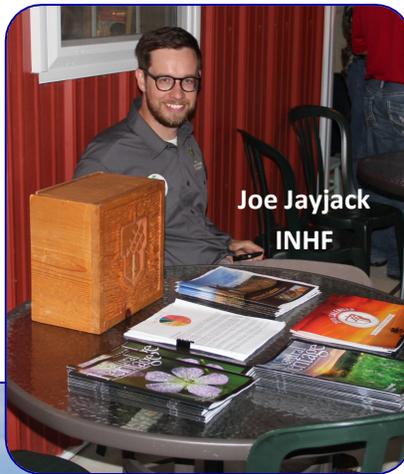


Chairperson of the Webster Co. Board of Supervisors, Mark Campbell welcomed conference attendees to Fort Dodge and championed the county conservation board as a great partner! →





**Gypsum City OHV Park
Webster County**



**Joe Jayjack
INHF**



CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

- BOLAND RECREATION**
 - BOLTON & MENK**
 - CARPENTER UNIFORM & PROMOTIONS**
 - CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING***
 - CONSERVATION CORPS OF IOWA**
 - DOOLITTLE OIL***
 - FIRST STATE BANK – WEBSTER CITY***
 - FRY & ASSOCIATES, INC.**
 - GEE ASPHALT SYSTEMS**
 - GOOD LIFE R.V.***
 - HUFFCUTT CONCRETE, INC.***
 - IIW, P.C.**
 - IOWA AGRICULTURE MITIGATION BANK**
 - IOWA HOME CRAFTERS**
 - IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION**
 - IOWA READY MIX CONCRETE ASSOC.**
 - ITC***
 - JT FIRESTARTERS**
 - LEGACY TRAVEL & TOURS**
 - MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE, PC.***
 - PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY LINE***
 - PRUDENTERRA**
 - SHIVE-HATTERY**
 - SNYDER & ASSOCIATES, INC.***
 - TREES FOREVER***
 - TRUAX**
 - VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY***
 - WHEELER**
- (*Indicates Conference Sponsorship)
(Indicates IACCB Preferred Vendor)



**Veteran's Memorial Park
in Kennedy Park
Webster County**





Stately entrance to Iowa's most senior county park – Briggs Woods



Yes, the wheels on the bus did go 'round and 'round! ☺



Tour trips included visits to Brushy Creek State Recreation Area



42nd ANNUAL IWLA HABITAT AWARDS

POPULATION BELOW 20,000: 1st Place – Hardin CCB; 2nd Place – Poweshiek CCB; 3rd Place – Kossuth CCB

POPULATION ABOVE 20,000: 1st Place – Johnson CCB; 2nd Place – Bremer CCB; 3rd Place – Black Hawk CCB

We appreciate IWLA Iowa Division President, **Marion Striegel** being on hand at the conference to present the awards. *(Kossuth has also received their award, and Hardin CCB will receive theirs at the next District 1 Meeting.)*



Billie Willie – Kossuth CCB



Larry Wilson – Johnson CCB



Frank Frederick – Bremer CCB



Vern Fish – Black Hawk CCB



Mark Vavroch – Poweshiek CCB



FY2017 SALARY SURVEY – INITIAL RELEASE!

The initial database has been uploaded to the “**SALARY SURVEYS**” file in the **IACCB Portal** (as indicated to the left). This version contains data for PERMANENT EMPLOYEES ONLY. All part-time and seasonal positions have removed for ease of sorting permanent employment data. The full, comprehensive database will be uploaded in the upcoming weeks as time permits – just wanted to get the most essential information out ASAP. **(NOTE: The information that is shaded blue in the file contains data from LAST YEAR as we are awaiting the FY2016 data from the REAP Certification Reports in order to update)** The one-page report that many of you utilize for the average and median pay scales will be available yet this week and also placed in the portal for access – it will be a PDF document to compliment the information in the EXCEL file that has already been loaded. **MANY THANKS** for the nearly 100% participation that we received on this effort this summer! ☺



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

1. DES MOINES Co. – Administrative Assistant
2. STORY Co. – Conservation Technician II
3. LOUISA Co. – Naturalist II
4. POLK Co. – Park Planner
5. FRANKLIN Co. – Executive Director
6. CLAY Co. - Naturalist
7. TEMPORARY POSITIONS – 6+ opportunities listed on website



Full Time Employment

Seasonal/Part-Time – Listed on website

