**SAVE THE DATE:**

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* Sept. 7 – E-Commerce Orientation – Dallas CCB
* Sept. 21-23 – IACCB Fall Conf. – Lyon/Sioux CCBs
* Sept. 27-29 – Roadside Conf. - Marshalltown
* Oct. 10-12 – CCPOA Fall Workshop – Johnston
* Oct. 15 – District 3 Mtg. – Woodbury CCB
* Oct. 19 – District 1 Mtg. – Hamilton CCB
* Nov. 1 – New CCB Emp. School – Des Moines
* Nov. 2 – E-Commerce Summit – Des Moines
* Nov. 7-9 – IAN Fall Workshop
* Nov. 16 – District 4 Mtg. – Taylor CCB

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## 58th IACCB ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE in 3 WEEKS!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Sioux Center in a short three weeks on September 21-23! Our registration numbers have grown nicely over the past month, but are still a bit shy of our rolling 25 year average for conference attendance. (See graphic below)

We look forward to sharing with you a vision of County Conservation in 2020 at our IACCB Annual Meeting on the 22nd, and to experiencing all that is great about both the Lyon and Sioux County Conservation Boards! We will also have a great group of exhibitors on hand to share with us their expertise, products and services – state-of-the-art and cutting edge stuff – MANY THANKS for joining us.

There is still plenty of room available for your entries in the annual IACCB Silent Auction! Even if you cannot be there in person – send your basket/donation along with an adjoining CCB?! Be sure to bring along your extra pennies for some great raffle prizes and the silent auction bidding! 😊

### REAP News & Updates

The REAP Alliance will be meeting on Sept. 13th in advance of the 18 regional REAP Assemblies in October. (Dates/locations to be announced soon!) As we have been mentioning at District and other meetings – it is IMPORTANT to be having conversations with your legislators about the essential need that exists for full-funding of REAP and how it impacts your local qualities of life, conservation programs, etc. Once the REAP Assembly dates have been announced – please plan to encourage local elected officials, business leaders and other stakeholders to attend as these are the “public participation/input” piece of the historic REAP legislation. The REAP Congress will be at the state Capitol on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

## Silent Auction Sampling (Teasers if you will!)

2018 IACCB Fall Conference Basket (conf. registration & goodies – by IACCB);
Parks to People Basket (by Hamilton & Webster CCBs);
Woodbury County Basket (cabins, etc. by Woodbury CCB);
Pheasant/Corn Metal Art Sculpture (by Poweshiek CCB);
Fleece Zippered Jackets (by R.J.Thomas/Pilot Rock);
Fully Guided 3-Day Iowa Spring Turkey Hunt (by Wayne CCB);
CCPOA 2018 Fall Workshop Basket (registration & cool stuff – by CCPOA);
Beverage Holders (by Premier Polysteel);
Hand Made Quilt (by Bremer CCB);
Willow Basket & Mums (by Monroe CCB), and many more!


We look forward to seeing you in September!
O’Brien CCB “Bin” Cabins!

While not necessarily news to us – the Sioux City Journal featured O’Brien CCB’s new grain Bin Cabins on the front page for their Sunday Edition this week! While the naming of many of our cabins across the state reflect “critters” and “trees” – these two are respectfully named “Bean Bin” and “Corn Bin” Cabins 😊 Dog Creek Park (where the cabins are located) also features 30 campsites, a healthy fishing lake and 1,000 acres of hunting. OCCB Director Terry Boltjes predicts a 12-year payback on their investment of $140K ea. They rent for $150/day and have a 2-day minimum rental.

LINK TO ARTICLE: http://siouxcityjournal.com/eedition/page-a/page_f6d0efe0-1053-57b5-a239-c2e60799945c.html

E-Commerce, Online Reservations & MCP.com Workshops

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
Hosted at Dallas CCB
For CCBs “On the Bubble” to commence Online Reservations in the next 18 months

OCTOBER 18, 2017
Hosted at Woodbury CCB
For CCBs “On the Bubble” to commence Online Reservations in the next 18 months

NOVEMBER 2, 2017
Ramada Tropics – Des Moines
“E-Commerce Summit” for all 26+ CCBs currently taking online reservations. For the purposes of networking, trouble shooting & visioning.

JANUARY 23, 2018
WINTERFEST 2018 - Waterloo General MyCountyParks.com administrative orientation for new or veteran administrators. Roll-out of E-Blast System!

With the influx of both many new staff, and a heightened interest in providing online reservations for facilities and events – FOUR educational opportunities are on the calendar for your CCB’s staff to get up-to-date. “E-Commerce Orientation” seminars are scheduled for Sept. 7th in Dallas Co. (10 AM – 2 PM) and October 18th in Woodbury Co. (2 PM – 4 PM). Registration for these two opportunities are to: IACCB@mycountyparks.org The 3rd Annual E-Commerce Summit for veteran online registration CCBs is November 2nd at the Ramada Tropics Conference Center in Des Moines – registration will be available online in late Sept. AND, the general “Orientation for MCP.com Website” training will be available on January 23, 2018 as an option for your Winterfest 2018 registration. Sign-up & get tuned in! 😃

Learning Opportunities

CCB Certification Reports Due by October 1st to the Iowa DNR from your County Auditor!
No REAP payments can be made until ALL 99 reports have been received!

$782,537,828 – 34 years @ $23M
Iowa’s County Conservation System
NATURAL RESOURCE & OUTDOOR RECREATION TRUST FUND
THE UNMET NEEDS OF COUNTY
94 CCBs in Listing
CONSERVATION
68 CCBs w/$ Reported

CCB Un-Met Needs!

As we prepare for yet another legislative session, the need for educational materials for legislators and stakeholders looms more important than ever! Our ongoing collective effort in producing this dynamic listing (now at 61 single-spaced pages) remains the #1 statewide footprint document that demonstrates the incredible backlog of un-met needs for funding. Just imagine what could be leveraged in additional funds! We encourage you to get the $$ estimates sent along – even some “ball-park” numbers will work! Updated lists are always welcomed – IACCB@mycountyparks.org

- 68 CCBs with reported listings & cost estimates
- 26 CCBs with reported listings but no cost estimates
**District 2 Summer Meeting**

Thanks to **Worth CCB Director Jim Hanson** and his Staff for orchestrating & delivering an excellent District 2 meeting on August 4th. Participants were treated to early morning concurrent sessions (Specialty Firearms Discharging and WCCB Equipment Tour / Visit to the Worth Co. Recycling Center), Touring new campground & park developments, Guided Tour of the **Premier Polysteel Mfg. (IACCB Preferred Vendor)** plant, and an excellent steak-fry lunch! The District 2 Business meeting was engaging with great discussions – followed by an insightful presentation by Albert Lea Seed Co. **GREAT SHOW by the Worth CCB! 😊**

**District 4 Summer Meeting**

Thanks to **Ringgold CCB Director Kate Zimmerman** and her Conservation Board for hosting the District 4 Summer Meeting at their beautiful new **Dragoon Trace Nature Center** just east of Mt. Ayr! We met up in the "loft" and had several great presentations including a full afternoon agenda featuring an abbreviated version of a “Visitor Protection & Employee Safety Workshop” – SHAZAM! Kate had several of her volunteers on hand including **State Representative Cecil Dolecheck** – who provided some good side discussions! The summer steak-fry luncheon rounded out a perfect day in the southern Iowa sunshine! 😊😊
 Registrations are now being accepted for the 32nd Annual CCPOA Fall Workshop – the newsletter with registration form and information is posted to the organization’s website at the link below. Some of the great agenda offerings include: Firearms Training & Certification, ILEA “State of the Academy”; Fish, Game & Parks Legal Updates, Blood Borne Pathogens & Trauma Emergencies; HAZ-MAT Update; Focus Under Fire & PTSD; Armed Narcotics Suspect Recognition and much more. WEBSITE LINK: https://iowaccpoa.weebly.com/ 

NOTE: In conjunction with IACCB’s 2020 Strategic Vision, the CCPOA has changed its contact information to: SNAIL MAIL: CCPOA of Iowa, P.O. Box 400, Hiawatha, IA 52233-0400; and EMAIL ADDRESS : CCPOA@mycountyparks.org

WELCOME - NEW PREFERRED VENDOR

Eagle Point Solar, 900 Jackson St. #108 – Dubuque, IA (563) 582-4044, lsteffen@eaglepointsolar.com / www.eaglepointsolar.com

We are pleased to welcome our 32nd IACCB Preferred Vendor on board for 2017! Eagle Point Solar is committed to sales, installation and deployment of solar photovoltaic systems throughout the Midwest to produce emission-free energy throughout Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gases and spurring job creation and domestic economic activity. Larry Steffen is the Vice President of Sales We invite you to utilize ALL of our Preferred Vendors as needs arise for products and services for your CCB operations – visit the complete all-inclusive listing via the MCP.com IACCB link.

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WINTERFEST 2018 – JANUARY 23 – 25, WATERLOO, IA

Look for Registration Information to be posted later this Fall – stay tuned!
CCDA Meets @ ISAC – August 23-25

Nearly 40 County Conservation Directors & Deputy Directors assembled in Des Moines last week for ISAC’s Annual Conference – moved to August from November. In addition to the general sessions provided by ISAC, these administrative staff had specific presentations on: CCB District Updates, IACCB 2020 Initiative, Historic & Cultural Resources, Panel Discussion on Gun Ranges, REAP Certification Reports, Things Every Director Should Know About HR, Social Media and Your CCB and more! The Association thanked outgoing President Adam Shirley (Mitchell) and welcomed new President Chris Lee (Des Moines) to his 2017-2019 term. Director Mike Cox (Story) was elected to serve the CCDA as Vice President.

NATURE CALLS REMINDER – SEPTEMBER 23rd 😊😊

Attendees to the 2017 IACCB Conference in Sioux Center are encouraged to stay one more night and take in Woodbury County Conservation Board’s Nature Calls fund raising event. With the Conference concluding by 4:45 Saturday afternoon, folks can easily make the fun event which starts at 6:00 at the Sioux City Convention Center. Nature Calls is a fund raising event for the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and features beer and wine tasting with over 30 different craft brews, silent auction and live auction items, raffles for guns and other items, and nature craft artists along with heavy hors d’oeuvres. Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door. For more information, check Woodbury County’s website at www.woodburyparks.org

WELCOME - NEW PREFERRED VENDOR

Natural Soy Products, LTD. – Cedar Falls, IA
(319) 239-9024, jec@naturalsoyproducts.com / www.naturalsoyproducts.com

We are pleased to welcome our newest IACCB Preferred Vendor on board for 2017! Natural Soy Products, LTD. offers environmentally friendly products like wood and concrete cleaners and sealers. They also have a full offering of cleaning products under the Clean Environment brand. Joe Barber is the President. We invite you to utilize ALL of our Preferred Vendors as needs arise for products and services for your CCB operations – visit the complete all-inclusive listing via the MCP.com IACCB link.

FY2018 SALARY SURVEYS!

…..were distributed via email to CCB Directors on 8/12/17 and have a deadline for completion of September 15th. We much appreciate the 61 CCBs that have returned theirs within the first two weeks! We hope to have the preliminary salary information available towards the end of September, and then will create the final database by incorporating the budgetary and property tax data as it becomes available from the DNR via your REAP Certification Reports – whew! Our goal is to get a total report to you all by the end of October?! 😊 Expedition of BOTH of these annual efforts by all CCBs certainly lessens the administrative load & gets this important data back to YOU sooner! 😊😊😊
You have one month to check out your PORTAL CONTACTS for accuracy and updating as IACCB will be harvesting the email data on Friday, Sept. 29th! Please confirm that ALL Staff and Board Member information is current and up-to-date. Please delete any contacts that are no longer with your CCB. In meeting with our affiliate organizations (CCDA, CCPOA, IACCBE, etc.) over the past several weeks – they have indicated that it would be GREAT if each employee was also properly tagged as a member in the appropriate organizations to which they belong. **(NOTE: NO ONE should be tagged with the organizations red-lined in the graphic below as we are in the process of eliminating these from the CONTACTS database)** As each of our six Districts and five Affiliate organizations are moving to better utilize data and services from the Portal – IT IS IMPORTANT for each CCB to be dedicated in keeping their Portal information accurate. A quick review of which employees should be tagged in the organizations below follows: 

- **AFIRM** – Roadside Managers and those otherwise involved with IRVM activities;  
- **CCPOA** – All CCB certified peace officers or those that are appointed and planning to attend the law enforcement academy;  
- **IACCBE** – ALL Directors and employees – if you are a full-time employee of a CCB, you are automatically a member of IACCBE;  
- **IAN** – Full time & part-time naturalists that are listed in the Contacts;  
- **CCDA** – All CCB Directors and Deputy Directors;  
- **OTHER** – Set aside for future organizations that may yet to form. **(NOTE): Individuals may be tagged as belonging to more than one organization.**  

At a minimum, ALL CCB Directors and Staff should be tagged as a member of IACCBE. Should you have any questions please contact us at IACCB@mycountyparks.org

The **IACCB 2020 Strategic Plan** has identified maximizing our electronic communications and networking as a high priority. To advance this mission – we need to have current and accurate email contact information with ALL employees and Conservation Board Members. This responsibility rests with each individual CCB to keep the rest of our industry apprised of staff and board member changes via our “living” personnel directory – the PORTAL CONTACTS.

**WELCOME - NEW PREFERRED VENDOR**

**RoadGroom Manufacturing** – Grundy Center, IA  
(319) 824-3011, robert@hempaving.com / www.roadgroom.com

We are pleased to welcome our newest IACCB Preferred Vendor on board for 2017! **RoadGroom Mfg.** is road and trail maintenance made easy! Maintains loose material road beds quickly, more cost-efficiently, and with less fuel and less manpower. Pulled by a 4WD pickup, dump truck or Ag tractor – the RoadGroom is easy to use and simple to maintain. **Robert Bockes** is the President. We invite you to utilize ALL of our Preferred Vendors as needs arise for products and services for your CCB operations – visit the complete all-inclusive listing via the MCP.com IACCB link.

**IACCB FY2017 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE**

As required by our Association bylaws, the **Annual Report of the Association** was posted on our website and a email note was sent to all CCB Directors on August 14th. This report contains; the Agenda for our 2018 Annual Meeting on Sept. 22nd; the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting in Fort Dodge; the FY2018 IACCB Budget, and the FY2017 Annual Synopsis. **The report is available via the fall conference link under “IACCB” on MyCountyParks.com.** Members are encouraged to visit this report online as there will be limited printed copies available at the Annual Meeting this fall in Sioux Center. IACCB is excited to share some of the strategic visioning efforts that are underway as we sprint towards our 65th year of County Conservation in 2020!