



Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar is also
available online via

mycountyparks.org

- * Dec. 6 – District 5 Mtg. – Des Moines CCB
- * Dec. 12 – Dist. 3 Mtg. – Osceola CCB
- * Dec. 19 – Dist. 6 Mtg. – Buchanan CCB
- * Jan. 10 – District 1 Mtg. – Polk CCB
- * Feb. 5-7 – Winterfest '19 – Coralville Marriott
- * Feb. 12 – Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Fund Day at the Capitol
- * Feb. 13 – Dist. 2 Mtg. – Emmet CCB
- * Feb. 14 – Dist. 5 Mtg. – Henry CCB
- * Mar. 4 – AFIRM Winter Meeting – Ames, IA

2019 IACCB Annual
Fall Conference
September 17-19, 2019
Muscatine, IA



#REAPworks

215,868

ACRES MANAGED BY CCBS

“THE COUNT” HAS BEEN COMPLETED!

ALL 99 counties have reported in, and the 2018 statistics are AMAZING! 😊 We know that not everyone is a huge fan of completing surveys – but this one was critical, and we much appreciate your diligence in getting the data compiled and entered! There will be a full compilation forthcoming as well as the complete database being made available – and we are even flirting with incorporation of some of the summary data into the salary survey. Off the top – here are some of the numbers:

ICCS COLLECTIVELY MANAGES 215,868 ACRES in 2,024 AREAS

OWNERSHIP	TOTAL ACRES	WATER ACRES
County Gov't.	198,478 acres	12,735 acres
State Gov't.	12,846 acres	886 acres
City Gov't.	1,137 acres	304 acres
Federal Gov't.	3,407 acres	34 acres
TOTAL	215,868 acres	14,289 acres (7% of total)

HUNTING – 146,262 acres open to hunting in 98 counties

CAMPING – 11,111 sites (8,351 modern / 2,760 primitive) in 92 counties

TRAILS – 1,949 miles (712 miles hard-surfaced) in 98 counties

CABINS – 234 cabins in 80 counties (132 Deluxe, 82 Modern, 19 Primitive)

You all know this, but – COUNTY CONSERVATION IS ROCKIN' IT!!

99 PARKS / 99 COUNTIES

The tourism database that we had circulated for the past many weeks is now back to the Iowa Tourism Office and they are commencing with some of the cyber infrastructure construction. They express their THANKS for all of the input provided, and will do their best to accommodate all of your changes and suggestions! They plan to interconnect with other local attractions, vendors, etc. – so stay tuned. Next up will be your chance to choose at what level your CCB wishes to engage with the promotion(s)! 😊

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ICCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS / ROSTER

Per ICCS Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, at the next meeting to follow the Annual Meeting, the **ICCS Board of Directors** shall elect officers for the upcoming year. These elections occurred at the November 19th meeting and are reflected below. This roster also shows the current Board of Directors representatives and their terms of office

NAME / OFFICE / CCB

Larry Wilson, President – Board Member, Johnson CCB
Mark Vavroch, Vice President - Director, Poweshiek CCB
Mark Shoemaker, Secretary – Director Pottawattamie CCB
Mike Miner, Treasurer – Director, Butler CCB
 Bridget Chatfield, Member – Board Member, Mitchell CCB
 Chris Ruhaak, Member – Board Member, Pottawattamie CCB
 Steve Anderson, Member – Board Member, Dickinson CCB
 Steve Dixon, Member – Board Member, Mahaska CCB
 Jessica Lara, Member – Board Member, Hardin CCB
 Nick Beeck, Member – Director, Plymouth CCB
 Denise Straw, Member – Park Ranger, Chickasaw CCB
 (TBA)
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REPRESENTATIVE OF / TERM

IACCB District 6 – Expires 2020
 IACCB Division – Expires 2021
 IACCB Division – Expires 2020
 CCDA Division – Expires 2019
 IACCB District 2 – Expires 2021
 IACCB District 4 - Expires 2019
 IACCB District 3 – Expires 2019
 IACCB District 5 – Expires 2020
 IACCB District 1 – Expires 2021
 CCPOA Division – Expires 2021
 AFIRM Division - Expires 2021
 IAN Division (*as appointed*)
 MCP.com Division (*as appointed*)
 Iowa TLC Division (*as appointed*)



LOUISA COUNTY
CONSERVATION



2019 ICCS FALL CONFERENCE MIGRATES TO THE MISSISSIPPI

The contracts are approved, the dates are set, and we are heading to the Mighty Mississippi on **September 17-19, 2019 for the 2019 ICCS Fall Conference in Muscatine** to celebrate **“Life Along the Mississippi River”!!!** ☺ Highlights include a day cruise on the Mississippi on the Celebration Belle from Moline, IL to the Port of Muscatine – trip will include educational sessions about the Mississippi River and the diversity of species who call it home, passing through two locks & dams and finish at Pearl City Station just across from the shiny new Merrill Hotel - our main lodging location; a Fish Fry at the Riverview Center; Tour of the Big Sand Mound; Bus tours of either Louisa or Muscatine County; Pre-conference options of paddling the Odessa Water Trail, Golf or Biking the Muscatine Riverfront Trail; and much more! Budget your time and dollars – you don’t want to miss this one! The lodging block is now available at the Merrill Hotel by calling directly to: **(563) 263-2600** and referencing **either “Iowa’s County Conservation System”** or the **Group Code that is “IAOCB171”**. Deadline for making room reservations will **be August 18, 2019**.

LOOKING TO FEATURE YOUR LOCAL STORY TELLER(S)

NEEDED FOR THE 2019 EFFORT TO FUND THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION TRUST FUND! When the Trust Fund is eventually funded – you will have local vendors and businesses that are going to benefit from expanded recreational opportunities and economic growth in your counties! If you have a local business owner or entrepreneur that finds themselves in this situation – we **NEED THEM TO TELL THEIR STORY!** The Communications Committee for advocating funding the trust needs these stories for testimonials in news releases, social media spots, letters to the editors, and other advocacy efforts in 2019. Please connect ICCS with these local folks that you are aware of – their stories can help make the difference in our now decade-long effort to **FUND THE TRUST!!** Thanks for the assist! ☺





\$967,600,558 – 41.6 years @ \$23M



**Iowa's County Conservation System
NATURAL RESOURCE & OUTDOOR
RECREATION TRUST FUND**

THE UNMET NEEDS OF COUNTY

94 CCBs in Listing

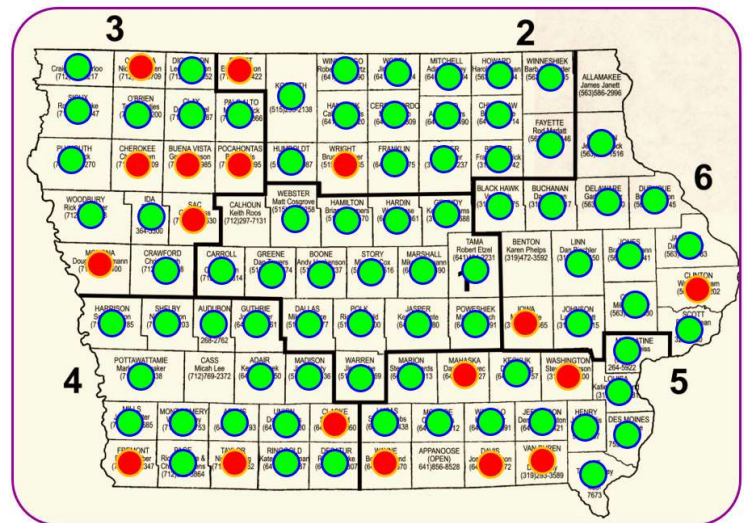
CONSERVATION

76 CCBs w/\$ Reported

PILING-ON OUR UN-MET NEEDS LIST FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION

That means **41.6 years to just catch-up** with the current un-met needs – not even counting what may be added each year into the future! **AWESOME** progress in the past month with the updates you have all been sending in, and **“The List”** is on the planning radar of for upcoming educational material being produced by the Communication Committee for funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

Would still be great to at least have ALL 99 CCBs represented! Just need some lists from **Allamakee, Appanoose, Benton, Calhoun & Cass CCBs?! ☺** We are incredibly close to that **\$1 BILLION** amount.....a few more CCBs sending in their \$\$ estimates can most likely get us over that milestone! This documentation enables us to link our local stories with the broader picture of our statewide system – thanks for your assistance! **KEEP THE INFORMATION FLOWING!** ☺



Red circle - Listing ONLY, no \$\$ amounts **Green circle** - Listing & \$\$ amounts ☺

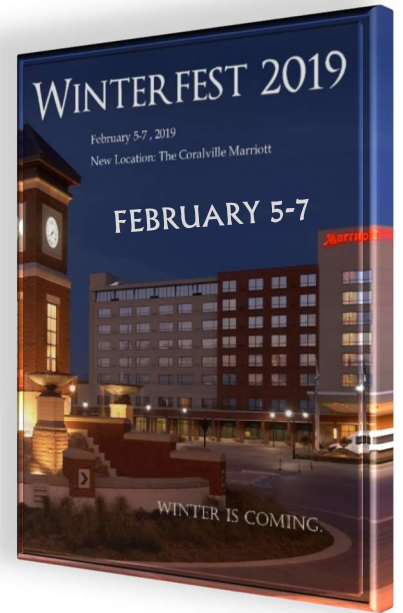
**DISTRICT 1 MEETING IN
POWESHIEK COUNTY**

**DIAMOND LAKE PARK, Montezuma, IA
OCTOBER 4th**

KUDOS once again to **Director Mark Vavroch** and the staff of the **Poweshiek CCB** for hosting a great and innovative **ICCS District 1 meeting!** Director Vavroch provided an update on PCCB happenings over the past 4 years; Paul Sleeper (**DNR Biologist**) discussed the fisheries dynamics of Diamond Lake and the spillway project at the lake (field trip); discussion and demo of the recently purchased and equipped shooting sports trailer; toured the new shelter houses, showers, restroom and trails at the park: **AND – Montezuma is going to be home to more than 170 wind towers – so, of course, there was a tour of a wind turbine!** Just like loading up a Space Shuttle to launch – very cool!. Great attendance at a District Meeting is all about good advance promotion, not changing the dates and having a dynamic agenda – good show PCCB!



WINTERFEST 2019



REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/Org-Event/5/WINTERFEST-2019.aspx>

THE CHANGE WILL BE AWESOME!

We are still more than two months away from the 48th edition of this fantastic winter event, and our new online registration system can give us “real-time” current registration numbers: 95 employees from 26 CCBs, 6 Exhibitors (including 5 ICCS Preferred Vendors), and 1 ISU College Student! These are great numbers this far in advance 😊 Remember that discounted **“Early Bird Registration Pricing” ends on January 5th**, and that **Registration closes on January 25th!** Everyone is encouraged to maximize the efficiency of our online registration by choosing to **pay online with a credit card** – lots less work for everyone – thanks! We are on a record pace for early registrations to attend Winterfest 2019 – shouldn’t you **all** be there??

Don’t forget to get your lodging booked with the **Coralville Marriott by calling (319) 688-4000** no later than January 15th – the cut-off date for the lodging room block. *Looking forward to seeing you in February 2019!*



COLLEGIATE DAY RESUME REVIEWERS

The ever-expanding **Collegiate Day Resume Review Session** is in need of at least a dozen experienced resume critiquing folks! You will be needed for approx. ½ hour starting around 11:40 AM on Wednesday, February 6th – just prior to the luncheon. The students just can’t pass up this great opportunity to have what is perhaps their very first resume critiqued by an actual industry professional! If you have had some experience in this arena – please step up! Contact Tom Hazelton at IACCB@mycountyparks.org – more information will be forthcoming!

CAST YOUR IACCB V.P. VOTES!

The **IACCB Division** is currently balloting for the position of Vice President of the organization. ALL CCB EMPLOYEES are eligible to vote – meaning there are 644 votes that can be cast by any permanent CCB employee. To-date, there have only been 39 votes cast utilizing the online opportunity through Survey Monkey as made available by the link provided below.

We encourage all employees to participate in this process for any Division they may be actively involved with. IACCB expresses their appreciation to each of you for your continued support of Winterfest & the Planning Committee activities! 😊

LINK TO ONLINE VOTING:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QPBS3G6>



REGISTRATION OPTION FOR WINTERFEST PRE-CONFERENCE

Optional Pre-conference Workshop Registration (Does not include Winterfest sessions)

02/05/2019

\$0.00



TO ASSIST those of you that may need to separate any fees charged for Winterfest Pre-Conference events, or need to sign-up for a pre-conference event after you have already sent in your regular registration – we have a new option! Simply return to the event registration page and select the “**Optional Pre-conference Workshop Registration**” under the “**Dates Registration**” selection box, and then continue down to select the pre-conference events of choice!



RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE – STEVE ANDERSON

Long-term **Washington CCB Director Steve Anderson** is retiring! Join the WCCB Staff and Board Members as they celebrate with Steve on **Saturday, December 15th** at a Retirement Open House, 5:00 – 8:00 PM at the Washington CCB Conservation Center – 2943 Highway 92, Ainsworth, IA. For additional information, contact Pam – (319) 461-5566. CONGRATS to Steve on reaching a lifetime milestone, and we wish him all the best as this next chapter unfolds. Thank-you for your dedicated service to ICCS! 😊

DARYL KOTHENBEUTEL PASSES

We are saddened to share the passing of a former CCB Director, Daryl Kothenbeutel, he was 75. Daryl was the Director of the Muscatine CCB from 1974-1988. He went on to start the Iowa Prairie Seed Company. He worked to restore prairies throughout Iowa and as a result has left a legacy of Iowa native wildflowers all over Iowa, including roadsides and other public and private prairie restorations. Our collective prayers & thoughts are with his family.

Funeral Home: <https://www.colonialchapels.com/obituaries/Daryl-Kothenbeutel/#!/Obituary>



NEW BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION – UPDATES

As we do each year, in anticipation of new conservation board members being appointed in January – we are in the process of updating the “New Board Member Information” on our MyCountyParks.org website. This can be found under the “**BOARD MEMBERS**” tab on the navigation bar. This updating process should be completed in December, and available by January 1st. NEW this year (we hope), will be a narrated video for you to incorporate into your training and orientation that you do locally with your new Conservation Board Members. *Stay tuned.....* 😊

WELCOME LETTER TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS
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NEW CCB BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION
[Download File](#)

(NOTE: This is a 58-slide presentation that may be best viewed in a presentation software)

WHY COUNTY CONSERVATION MATTERS
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BOARD MEMBER HANDBOOK - Current Edition
[Download File](#)

CHAPTER 350 - Code of Iowa
[Download File](#)

MAP - 2018 DIRECTORS & DISTRICTS
[Download File](#)

GENDER BALANCED BOARD - ISAC
[Download File](#)



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

1. **WAPELLO Co. – Director**
2. **JOHNSON Co. – Park Ranger I**
3. **BLACK HAWK Co. – Clerical II**
4. **DES MOINES Co. – Natural Resource Mgr.**
5. **SEASONAL POSITIONS – 1 opportunity listed on website**

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Full Time
 Seasonal/Part-Time



2018 New Employee School

November 15, 2018