

Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE:

The IACCB Calendar is also available online via MyCountyParks.org

- * July 26 – District 1 Mtg. – Marshall CCB
- * Aug. 1-3 – Summer IAN – Yellow River
- * Aug 9 – ICCS Board of Directors Meeting
- * Aug. 15 – District 3 Mtg. – Sac CCB
- * Aug. 16 – District 4 Mtg. – Adams CCB
- * Aug. 21 – IACCBE W'Fest Mtg. – M'town
- * Aug. 22-24 – Summer ISAC/CCDA Meetings
- * Oct. 8-10 – CCPOA Fall Workshop – Camp Dodge
- * Oct. 17 – District 3 Mtg. – Plymouth CCB

RE-TOOLING THE CCB SYSTEM

The list seems endless and daunting at times, but – OMG this is exciting! We are just a few days shy of the new fiscal year, bringing the formal launch to a year of change. First and foremost - we will welcome **Daniele Dorsey** in August as our new Administrative Assistant for Iowa's County Conservation System! Her learning curve will not be too steep as she also has been the part-time Administrative Assistant for the Mitchell CCB for several years. This new partnership will bring her into full-time employment, and provide a much-awaited boost in administrative support for our growing statewide network and system! We look forward to blending Daniele into operations at a steady pace through the remainder of 2018 as we get her up to eventual full-speed! ☺ Planning to "Zoom Meeting" her in for an introduction to attendees at the CCDA/ISAC event in August, and to hopefully having her on hand in-person at the IACCB Fall Conference in September! WELCOME ABOARD! ☺

Shades of "Back to the Future" flash through our thought processes as the passionate work of strategic planning teams from the '90s and '00s are providing the basis for new directions and structure. Our history is rich with introspective reviews and collaborative visioning for the future – we have arrived at that time and place where implementation of these plans and dreams have the opportunity to move forward! We are appreciative of your support and participation as we venture forth into some new horizons & challenges! ☺



2018 IACCB Annual Fall Conference September 19-21 Des Moines, IA



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PARTNERSHIPS YIELD CLAY CCB ADDITION

In 2014 a local landowner contacted the Clay County Conservation Board and requested their interest in a possible land acquisition. A full assessment of the 412 acre property found an amazing amount of habitat diversity, native prairie plant ecology, high-quality wildlife populations, a historical pioneer-era cemetery, watershed protection opportunities for the Little Sioux River and more. The Clay CCB's goal was to acquire the property, implement a strong wildlife habitat and watershed protection plan, and furthermore – offer one of the most diverse and historical public recreational areas in the state of Iowa.

A dedicated effort by former Clay CCB Director, **Dan Heissel** led to numerous partnerships for the acquisition from INHF, REAP, DNR, DU, PF, NWTF, and the Oneota Conservation Foundation. This addition was named in honor of Heissel for his tireless efforts in the acquisition of this property, and for his dedicated service to the Clay CCB and the people of Clay County for 15 years as their Conservation Director. **CONGRATS to Dan & the Clay CCB – AWESOME!**



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COUPLE OF TOURISM UPDATES!

VISIT YOUR LISTINGS ON traveliowa.com!

On August 7th, eligible listings on traveliowa.com will be gathered for inclusion in the next **Iowa Travel Guide**. Now is the time to make sure your listing is active and up-to-date or to add any new listings in your county!

Listings that haven't been updated in the last 18 months will not be included in the Iowa Travel Guide. If you have questions about accessing your listing, contact [Kristin Losenicky](mailto:Kristin.Losenicky@traveliowa.com) or watch the tutorial videos available on the "Industry Partners" section of www.traveliowa.com

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Gannett Foundation: Community Action Grant Program

The Gannett Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations that serve the communities where Gannett Co., Inc., owns a newspaper or broadcast station. The Foundation's Community Action Grant Program's priorities include education, neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment. Grants are generally in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range. Grant requests are considered twice each year; the upcoming postmark **deadline is August 17, 2018**, for most locations. Proposals should be submitted to the local newspaper publisher or TV station general manager. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines and download the application form.

Website: <https://www.gannettfoundation.org/guidelines.htm>

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SEPT. 19-21

<http://www.mycountyparks.org/conferences.html>

FALL CONFERENCE ONLINE RESERVATIONS UPDATE!

Since launching the new online registration system in mid-May, we have had 26 individuals from 10 CCBs “dive-in” and utilize the new online system! CCB Staff & Board Members, Board of Supervisors and Exhibitors are finding this new system easy to use and convenient. CCBs already registered include: **Benton, Calhoun, Des Moines, Johnson, Linn, Louisa, Madison, Muscatine & Webster counties** - *thanks for your leadership!* ☺ 81% of registrants have taken advantage of being able to pay online with credit cards, and the remainder are sending along checks, taking advantage of the “Pay by Mail” selection. As a reminder – **Registration Deadline is August 17th**, after which the system will automatically apply late fees to your registration - still plenty of time with two months in front of you to get registered! Utilize the link above to get the process started!

HELPFUL REGISTRATION HINTS: #1. In any given online registration session in the system, those individual or group registrations can only be checked out in one manner – either “Pay Online” (*with a credit card*), or “Pay by Mail” (*print off your emailed receipt and send in with a check*) – you cannot mix & match payment types ☺

#2. You cannot just register for a pre-conference event or “add-on” without also having one of the conference registration options in your cart. Some CCBs require that any pre-conference events to be paid by personal check – if your county falls into this category, you have two options – **A)** Do a complete conference registration (include the pre-conference items), select “Pay by Mail” at check-out, print off the receipt and mail in as many checks as you need ☺, or; **B)** If the County pays for the conference registration via credit card, and you just need to pay for a pre-conference selection, do a separate registration – selecting a conference registration option plus your pre-conf. item. Select the “Pay by Mail” option, print out the receipt, and mail it in with a check for just the pre-conf. item. (*We have had a couple of folks do this already, and it works just fine – thanks!*) As always – should you have any questions, shoot me an email at IACCB@mycountyparks.org ☺



SILENT AUCTION PACKAGES LINING UP!

Inventory has quadrupled – we now have four! And yours???

In addition to that awesome hunting/cabin/shooting range/dining auction basket from **Linn CCB** that we previewed last month – our new **CCB Divisions** are piling on! **CCPOA, IACCB and IACCB** have all created auction baskets that will include free or discounted 2019 Division Conference Registrations, affiliate memorabilia & MORE! You have cabins, you have events, you have local CVBs, you have canoes/kayaks, you have golf, you have local attractions, you have talented staff/board members in various crafts – we can only envision how COOL your silent auction donation could be!! ☺ Plenty of time to partner-up and get creative. Get you entry form via the conference link above – **HAVE FUN!** ☺

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	HUMBOLDT Todd Lee (515)332-4087	WRIGHT Bruce Lindner (515)632-3185	FRANKLIN Ned Parker (641)456-4375	BUTLER Mike Miner (319)278-4237	BREMER Andy Hockenson (319)882-4742	
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IACCB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Board Member Representatives from Districts #1 and #2

Current IACCB Bylaws call for the election of a Conservation Board Member representative from two Districts each year to serve 3-year terms – for 2018, those Districts are #1 and #2. (see map to left) Applications for these positions are available under the “BOARD MEMBERS” tab on MyCountyParks.org. All Directors of CCBs in both District 1 and District 2 were emailed this application as well as an informational flyer about the positions on May 21st. Applications are due during the month of June, so a bit more than a week remains for your applications. Currently, we have one candidate that has applied from each District. Once applications are approved by the Board of Directors, electronic balloting will take place by Board Members and Directors in each of the specific Districts.

Questions? IACCB@mycountyparks.org

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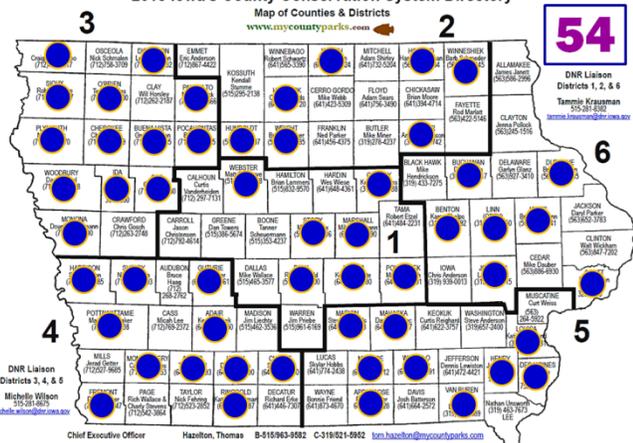
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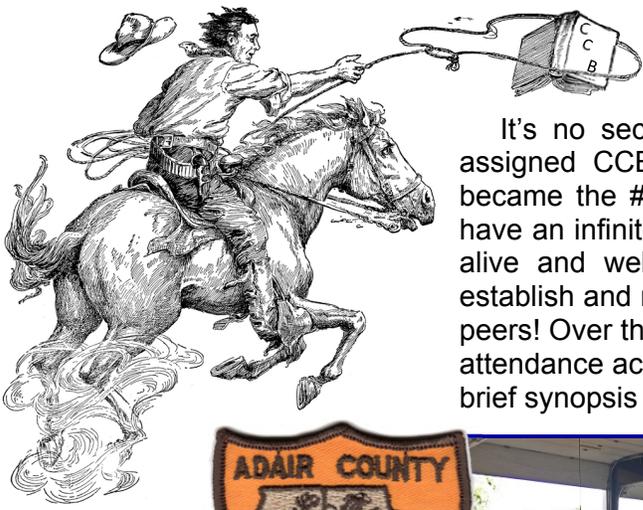


GREAT “in-advance-of-the-new-fiscal-year” influx of **54 CCBs** that have renewed their partnerships with IACCB for the FY2019 membership period! (as of 6/21/18) The notice for renewals was distributed to all CCB Directors via email on April 30th. Should you need a replacement copy, or have additional questions, please let me know:

IACCB@mycountyparks.org

Iowa’s County Conservation System is proud to have had ALL 99 County Conservation Boards as active and participating members for the past many years! YOUR support allows us to keep the momentum flowing! 😊 😊



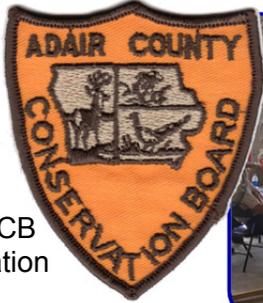


DISTRICT ROUND-UP!

It's no secret that, since 1958 – when the Iowa Conservation Commission assigned CCBs to one of six Districts – that these new regions immediately became the #1 resource for networking, learning and communicating. While we have an infinite number of ways to communicate today, our District gatherings are alive and well – and remain THE BEST opportunities for our employees to establish and maintain their personal networks of county conservation professional peers! Over the past couple of weeks it has been great to see the continued robust attendance across the state at our District meetings, and I am pleased to provide a brief synopsis from meetings for **Districts 4, 5 and 6!**

DISTRICT 4

Host - Adair CCB
Orient Fire Station
Orient, IA



Kudos to **Kevin Blazek, Director and the Adair CCB Staff** for putting together a great agenda for the District 4 meeting on June 7th in Orient, IA. We also appreciated the use of the Orient Fire Department space for the gathering. A fantastic home-cooked meal complimented the agenda that included: Jesse James Historical Site Deed Issues – How Old Atty. General Opinions helped; How to Write a Good Fish Habitat Grant Application; Lake Orient Solar Powered Lake Recirculation/Aeration Fish Habitat Project; UTV Slide-In Fire Unit Demo – built by ACCB Staff; and, a tour/presentation of the Lake Orient Campground Tornado Safe Room/Shower Facility – loong story! ☺ Awesome! ☺



DISTRICT 5

Host - Wayne CCB
Lakeside Park – Humeston, IA

Thanks, **Bonnie Friend, Director** – for the scenic meeting location along the lake at Lakeside Park, north of Humeston, IA. Who would have thought that the warm fire was going to feel great on Jun 14th?!?! Very unique shelter with a central fireplace that we would eventually drummed out of by severe thunderstorms and cold driving rain. Bonnie provided an update on all the great improvements in Wayne County – including the funding and installation of several kayak launchers on their lake docks – the public loves 'em! District 5 has a great roundtable of presentations from each CCB with updates and happenings in each county – spawning great networking and discussions! ☺

DISTRICT 6
Host – Black Hawk Co.
Hartman Reserve Ctr.



Mike Hendrickson, Director and the BHCCB Staff assembled a very interesting District 6 Meeting, a District that only meets twice a year – once in June and again in December. The meeting was held in the NEW Hartman Reserve Nature Center with much state-of-the-art everything! Presentations were provided by BHCCB Staff on: Design Headaches, Strategic Planning Fund-Raising & Construction of a New Nature Center; Use of Virtual Tours /Drone Videos for Marketing & Education (*including a viewing in their video "cave"*☺); and, Mike Kintner was on hand from IDALS for a presentation on biological control for EAB. The District 6 Business Meeting was lively per normal with a good discussion about advocating for REAP, drone policies and the water excise tax. **DISTRICT MEETINGS ROCK!**



IACCB 2020 – STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

As highlighted on Page One, we are on the brink of numerous improvements and proposals for Iowa's County Conservation System (ICCS) – check-out the bullet points below for more information & some status reports:

- **RE-BRANDING** – emerging later this year with a new logo and DBA “Iowa's County Conservation System” (ICCS), supporting & networking the eight Divisions (icons above). This will then lead to a fresh expanded marketing effort – with new brochures, advertising and promotion.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** – As referenced earlier, on-boarding in early August. Once up to full-throttle the primary responsibilities of this position will be: System Administration of the MyCountyParks.com and .ORG websites; Expanding CCB social media footprint; ICCS accounting & financial management; assisting all Divisions with their management and networking needs; supporting all aspects of the ICCS office
- **DIVISION MANAGEMENT** – Management Agreements are in place with the CCPOA, CCDA and IACCB. IAN is finalizing a modified Agreement. AFIRM will not have an Agreement at this time. MCP.com and IowaTLC are currently re-structuring and will have full agreements in the near future. Primary areas of management assistance will be banking & accounting, electronic meetings, electronic surveys, consolidated snail-mail service, consolidated email communications and utilization of the new Online Org. Event Registration System. All an effort to streamline operations, cost-effectiveness and overall efficiencies.
- **NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRUCTURE, BYLAWS & ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION** – Obviously, with so many proposed and actual changes in the offing – a re-work of our two corporate documents is in order. Look for the new versions of these two documents to be posted on MCP.org for your review later this summer – along with a synopsis of the changes. This will be followed directly with a ballot for voting on each of these proposals – look forward to this voting to be done electronically. *(Paper ballots may be requested from IACCB if needed)* Currently, there are six votes that can be cast by each CCB – FIVE Board Members and ONE Director. Voting will need to be completed in advance of the Annual Meeting. Options will be made available for voting electronically at the Annual Meeting upon request. This is a new method of doing business so we appreciate your cooperation and patience as we operate in a “hybrid” arena for 2018 – thanks!

You will see that the proposed changes include a re-vamped structure for the new ICCS Board of Directors as this representation reflects: Three (3) Conservation Board Members elected on 3-year rotating basis from new regions that combine two existing Districts (1&2, 3&4, 5&6); Two (2) Employees elected from the IACCB Division (existing); One (1) Director appointed from the CCDA Division (existing); and One (1) representative appointed from each of the other Divisions – CCPOA, IAN, AFIRM, MCP.com and IowaTLC.

SUMMER 2018 – IMPORTANT DATES OF NOTE ☺

- June 30** – Deadline for **District 1 & 2 Board Member Applications** for the IACCB Board of Directors
- August 3** – Deadline for Submission of **Habitat Improvement Survey** for FY2018 IWLA Awards/Recognition
- August 17** – **Deadline for Lodging Reservations** – IACCB Fall Conference in Polk County
- August 18** – **Late Registration Fee** added for IACCB Fall Conference Registrations

A NOTE ABOUT YOUR JOB POSTINGS!

We notice that there are several counties with job postings that are “**OPEN UNTIL FILLED**” as a closing date – some have been up there for 5+ months. Please review your listing(s) to determine if your jobs have been filled or otherwise “stale” and can be taken down to clean up the listings! Thanks for your consideration(s). ☺ ☺



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

1. **DES MOINES Co. – Natural Resource Manager**
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