



# Newsletter

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## AND SO THE COVID-19 DOMINOES CONTINUE TO FALL.....

Never envisioned I would be writing about these sort of things – historic and somewhat iconic CCB happenings stepping aside to allow COVID-19 to pass through. In the past 10 days we have seen the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ICCS Fall Conference, the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest Conference, and the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CCPOA Fall Workshop all join a myriad of other statewide gatherings in a move to the sidelines for 2020 and early 2021. We applaud the dedicated leaders of each of the Divisions who have gathered to evaluate the risks, research alternatives, and make the tough, well-thought-out decisions. Above all were considerations for the safety and well-being of CCB Staff and Board Member attendees from across the state – best to see you all on a future date in a safer time and place.

Each of these changes in the annual calendar and “culture” of Iowa’s County Conservation System are sincerely impactful – they were challenging discussions to experience, and even more difficult conclusions to arrive at. The suspension of these events may have collateral effects that will be shared with Division members by their respective leadership in the weeks ahead. A few update are available as follows:

**ICCS 2020 FALL CONFERENCE** – Has been rescheduled for **September 15-17, 2021** at the Quality Inn Hotel in Ames – hosted by Story CCB. We are grateful for the cooperation and support that we received from sponsors, exhibitors, hosting facilities and the Planning Committee – in addition to host locations in future years. We are optimistic that the 2021 edition will be re-tooled and queued-up looking very much like what was in place for this fall. The **ICCS Annual Meeting** will be suspended for this year, but you can anticipate the **FY2020 Annual Report** to be posted in August as usual. The **ICCS Board of Directors** will have their regular summer meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> (via Zoom), and will be engaged with a status review of all ICCS operations.

**IACCBE 2021 WINTERFEST CONFERENCE** – On July 21<sup>st</sup>, seventeen members of the **IACCBE Winterfest Planning Committee** voted unanimously to cancel the 2021 Winterfest Conference. Difficulties in recruiting presenters, government travel restrictions and a responsible approach to safety for all participants were the primary considerations for the committee. Social distancing requirements were also problematic in accommodating the event structure for concurrent sessions, dining, networking, etc. The Winterfest event has matured into one of the largest and finest annual conservation gatherings in the region – the financial structure has also expanded proportionally. There were many aspects of a down-sized event relating to cost-effectiveness and profitability that were also in the thought processing. We are still working through contractual obligations with the Marriott at this time. The IACCBE Annual Meeting for 2021 is cancelled, and annual elections will be held electronically.

**CCPOA FALL WORKSHOP** – The **CCPOA Executive Committee** decided this past Monday to cancel the 2020 fall workshop, firearms qualifications and 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration scheduled for October 5-7. Members can anticipate supplemental information pertaining to in-service training requirements and tentative plans for 2021 in the regular pre-workshop newsletter from the CCPOA due to your inboxes in August.



**WINTERFEST 2022**  
January 24-26



**2021 Fall Workshop**  
October 4-6  
(Tentative)

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**SAVE THE DATES:**

The ICCS Calendar is also available online via



- \* Aug. 6 – ICCS Board of Directors Mtg. - ZOOM
- \* Aug. 18 – Winterfest Planning Mtg. (Tentative)
- \* Aug. 19 – Dist. 3 Mtg. – Sioux CCB - **Cancelled**
- \* Aug. 20 – Dist. 4 Mtg. – Harrison CCB - **Cancelled**
- \* Sept. 9-11 – Roadside Conference - **Cancelled**
- \* Sept. 16-18 – ICCS Fall Conference - **Cancelled**
- \* Oct. 5-7 – CCPOA Fall Workshop - **Cancelled**
- \* Nov. 4-6 – IAN Fall Workshop, Cedar Rapids
- \* Jan. 26-28 – Winterfest 2021 - **Cancelled**



**2021 ICCS**  
65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary +1  
**Fall Conference**  
September 15-17, 2021  
Ames, IA



#REAPworks

# AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINES, DEADLINES, DEADLINES!!

Several important deadlines looming next week – so this last quick reminder for you all!

**AUGUST 1** – **ICCS FY2021 Membership Renewal** Deadline

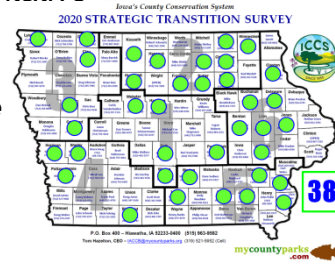
**AUGUST 1** – FY2020 **Habitat Improvement Survey/Nomination** for IKES Awards

**AUGUST 1** – ICCS **Strategic Transition Survey Completion** (Survey Monkey link)

**AUGUST 1** - **Nomination/Application for ICCS Regional Board Member** Representative



*(NOTE: Should you need replacement forms or a refreshed link for the survey - please do not hesitate to be in touch. A similar strategic survey 10 years ago yielded 86% participation, and this one is digital - making it much easier! We encourage yet-to-participate CCBs to take an active role in this process so we have as much input as possible to assist us in charting an accurate course for the NEXT decade! As always - THANKS for your participation!)*



**TOOLBOX**

**TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

Check out these opportunities through Iowa Rivers Revival, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Iowa Stormwater Education Partnership. These trainings are useful for county conservation workers, engineers, and anyone that has an interest in learning about river restoration. Two Level 1 workshops (Clive and Fort Dodge) and one Level 2 workshop (Clive).

**MORE INFORMATION:** <http://www.iowarivers.org/register/>

## CONGRATS! to Katie Healy, Boone County Conservation

On March 9th, 2020 at the regular meeting of the Boone County Conservation Board, the Boy Scouts of America Prairie Winds District Program Chair., Barry Romitti, presented Boone County Conservation **Naturalist/Park Ranger, Katie Healy** with the 2019 “Spirit of Scouting” Support Award. Katie has been recognized for her outstanding service to the Prairie Winds District for her role in helping with various scouting events, advising scouts as they pursue merit badges, and her overall contributions to the scouting community in Boone County.



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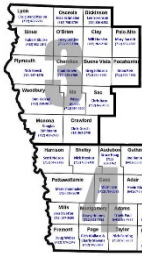
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# COUNTY CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP TEAM OPENINGS

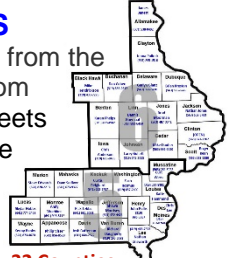
Looking for an opportunity to sharpen your skill set and develop your personal network of professional contacts within the finest county conservation system in the nation?! What better way for you share your talents and enhance your all-around leadership abilities than giving back to your industry through one of the opportunities as follows:



33 Counties  
165 Board Members

## IACCB BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO ICCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The **ICCS Board of Directors** is currently accepting applications for Board Member representatives from the Western (Districts 3 & 4) and Eastern (Districts 5 & 6) Regions. One Conservation Board Member from each region represents the two combined Districts as established in 2018. The 11-member Board meets quarterly (generally two of these by Zoom), and also convenes for the Annual Meeting each fall at the ICCS Fall Conference. The three-year term for each Region is as follows: Western 2019-2022, and Eastern 2020 – 2023 (*Terms start and end with Annual Meetings*) For questions, or to obtain an application form, please contact ICCS at: [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)



32 Counties  
160 Board Members

## IACCB DIVISION LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Employees Association will be electing two member employees to leadership roles during this annual cycle – with balloting this fall and early winter:



**Representative to the ICCS Board of Directors** – a three-year term from January 2021 – January 2024, one of two positions representing CCB Employees to the ICCS Board of Directors. This position has responsibilities to both the ICCS and IACCB Organizations – currently occupied by Mark Vavroch from Poweshiek CCB. More information is available : [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org), [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)

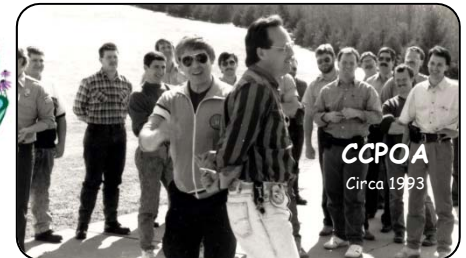
**Vice-President of IACCB** – Successful Candidate will serve a three-year term as Vice President in 2021, President in 2022, and as Past-President in 2023. Additional information about the duties of this position is available from current IACCB President – Logan Roberts at: [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)

## MyCountyParks.com DIVISION LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As a new Division of ICCS in 2018, the **MyCountyParks.com Advisory Committee** serves an important role by reviewing and advising as to current and future operations of our award-winning website. The Committee convenes on an as-needed basis at the discretion of the System Administrator, and will become a direct liaison to the website development and management team at Informatics, Inc. as we transition to Management Agreements in 2021. The Committee invites participation from both E-Commerce counties and those that do not provide online reservations, and of any size. For additional information, contact Tom at: [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)



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

1. HENRY Co. – Conservation Director
2. SAC Co. – Conservation Technician
3. DICKINSON Co. – Community Relations Coordinator
4. APPANOOSE Co. – Conservation Director
5. STORY Co. – Conservation Technician
6. JOHNSON Co. – Education Specialist
7. SCOTT Co. – Park Manager
8. CLAYTON Co. – Park Ranger
9. DECATUR Co. – Conservation Tech.
10. WOODBURY Co. – Office Clerk (PPT)

■ Full Time  
■ Seasonal/Part-Time



Dubuque CCB Staff - 2019

11. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 23+ opportunities listed on website 07/24/2020

