

## **REAP CEP Teleconference, March 25, 1 pm**

### *Board Members Attending:*

Vern Fish  
Ross Harrison  
Kathy McKee  
Anita O’Gara  
Linda Zaletel

### *CEP Monitor Attending:*

Susan Salterberg

### *Others Attending:*

Patrick Rice

- 1) Linda Zaletel was appointed chair for the teleconference. Ross moved to approve the agenda, and Vern seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Ross explained that Brian Button, editor of Iowa Outdoors, is interested in a 2-4 page article on REAP CEP. He indicated that Susan, Brian and Ross will meet and discuss what Brian wants, and then Susan will write the article, featuring about 5-6 grantees. A sidebar could be included with information about the CEP Board, and good photos are needed to go with the article.
- 3) The Board discussed the mission of this feature:
  - a. REAP is more than land protection;
  - b. CEP is important because few funds are available in Iowa for environmental education;
  - c. CEP funding is used well and more is needed.Vern suggested and Board agreed that the Board make a presentation at the next REAP Congress, indicating that the CEP Board supports more funding for CEP and encourages the Congress to take action on this. Ross withheld comment due to potential conflict of interest.
- 4) Patrick Rice from an Iowa YMCA Camp joined the teleconference at about 1:10. Patrick wants to complete a REAP CEP grant for the May deadline and requested clarification on definitions of outdoor classrooms and eligible and ineligible expenses. Ross clarified.
- 5) Susan then provided an update on several projects, and requested Board action on several projects. The Board agreed to extend Ida CCB’s homeschooling project through June 30, 2009. They agreed to allow the DNR CLEAR to transfer \$3K from Supplies budget and give it to communities in the form of grants. They asked Susan to ask Polk CCB to explore the possibility of conducting a more thorough evaluation of their podcasts with the remaining funds from their grant.
- 6) Susan reminded the Board that all proposals will need to include a Minority Impact Statement. These requirements have been added to the REAP CEP application guidelines.
- 7) Susan provided feedback from Evaluation Session at Iowa Association of Naturalists fall workshop.
- 8) Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ross seconded. Motion approved.