

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Conservation Education Program (CEP)

Monday June 12, 2023 · 10:30 am – 3:00 pm



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Agenda Topics

10:30 AM - Welcome - Michelle Wilson

Approve Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2023

REAP CEP Coordinator Updates -Michelle Wilson

- Status of Active Grants
- 2023 REAP CEP Board Meeting Dates A
 - September, 25, 2023 Board Business Meeting 2 hours
 - November 1, 2022 Application Deadline
 - December 11, 2023 Board Meeting and Grant Review & Selection
- Executive Order 10 Update on REAP Conservation Education Program Administrative Rules
- REAP Assemblies 2023

REAP CEP Board Member Updates

General Discussion

Lunch Break

1:00 PM - Welcome & Video Meeting Tutorial - Michelle Wilson

Introductions - REAP CEP Chairperson Petersen-Keys

REAP CEP Coordinator Updates - Michelle Wilson

- Grant application award guidance and assistance

Process for Reviewing Proposals - REAP CEP Chairperson

Review of Proposals

Adjourn

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Updated 06/17/20

Optional – Review of Remaining Applications for Improvement with Applicants

Funding

Available REAP CEP FY 24 Funds \$523,654

REAP Conservation Education Program Fund Request \$239,989

Recipient	Grant Title	REAP Request
Sunflower Childcare Center, Inc	Educating Youth about Sustainable Soil and Water Practices	\$30,000
Golden Hills Resource Conservation & Development	Siouxland Bird Guide	\$3,500
Clinton County Conservation Board & Gabi Torres	Wildness: A Collaboration Between Clinton County Conservation & Gabi Torres	\$22,000
Science Center of Iowa	Camps for Conservation	\$16,875
Vince Jetter Community Center	Teen Conservation Education, Community Gardens, Neighborhood Beautification	\$3,500
Taylor County Conservation Board	Atlatls and the Outdoors	\$1,839
Briar Cliff University	Cliff Conservation Project	\$152,275
Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens	Connection to Senses: Horticulture Therapy Through Sensory Gardens	\$10,000

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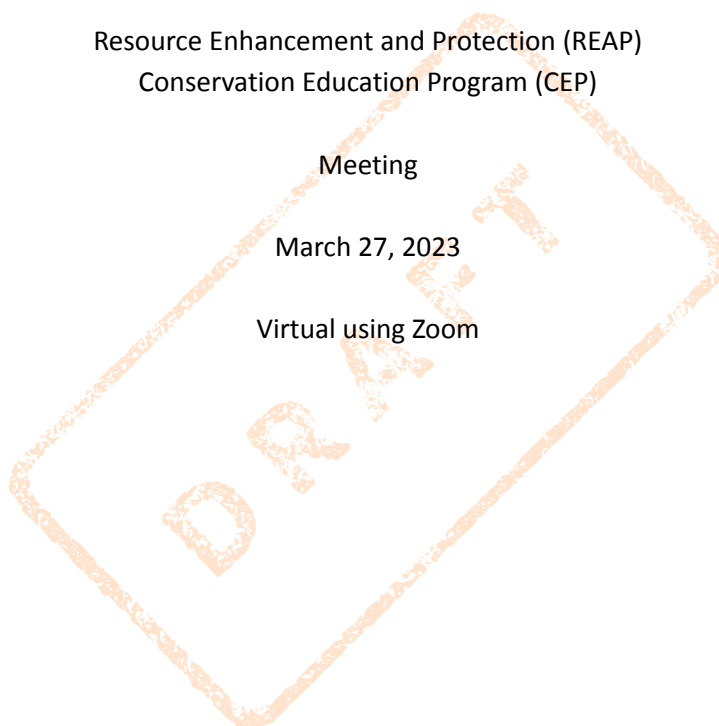
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Minutes of the
Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)
Conservation Education Program (CEP)

Meeting

March 27, 2023

Virtual using Zoom



Call to Order

The meeting of the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Conservation Education Program (CEP) was called to order by Board Administrator Michelle Wilson at 9:30 am. on March 27, 2023 via video conference using Zoom.

Board Members Present

Victoria DeVoss, Iowa Association of Naturalist (IAN)
Patrice Petersen-Keys, Iowa Association of County Conservation System (IACCS)
Rachel Alliss, Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Christopher Like, Department of Education (DOE)
Peg Steffen, Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (ICEC)

Welcome

Michelle Wilson, REAP CEP Coordinator, welcomed the Board members present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Patrice Petersen-Keys to approve the December 15, 2022 meeting minutes with the noted spelling error corrections. Seconded by Rachel Alliss. Motion carried. Approved.

REAP CEP Coordinator Updates

Status of Active Grants - Michelle Wilson provided an update on grant status as presented in the comprehensive grants update document.

Motion was made by Patrice Petersen-Keys to extend the Friends of Fairport Fish Hatchery Grant Agreement to April 15th 2024 in order for interpretive panels to be installed and evaluation to be conducted. Seconded by Victoria DeVoss. Motion carried unanimously. Approved

2023 REAP CEP Board Meetings

- o Monday May 15, 2023 Application Deadline
 - Monday 5 June, 2023 Deadline for Board members to review grant applications
 - Monday June 12th, 2023 from 9:30 am - 4 pm Business meeting and grant selection
- o September 25, 2023 9:30 AM
- o Wednesday November 1, 2023 Application Deadline
 - Monday December 4, 2023 Deadline for Board members to review grant applications
 - Monday December 11, 2023 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Business meeting and grant selection

REAP CEP Board Member Updates

Victoria DeVoss, Iowa Association of Naturalist (IAN) - Asked the membership of IAN to apply in upcoming REAP CEP grant cycles. She will be working to get the word out at upcoming workshops.

Peg Steffen, Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (ICEC) – Finishing Game Jam, ending on the 31st of March. Participants will be in person at Neal Smith in April where they will receive awards. They are getting started with the C-STEM Framework. They hope to provide about 5 workshops this summer with each workshop occurring

over two days. If anyone is interested in a workshop, let Peg know. Funding is there to support teachers who are coming from a distance.

Christopher Like, Department of Education (DOE) – ICEC Winter workshop was great. Hosting the first Iowa State Science Leadership Team for education. About 80 people, educators and affiliate groups are coming.

Patrice Petersen-Keys, Iowa Association of County Conservation System (IACCS) – Planning this fall for winterfest. Lots of job openings if you know of anyone that is interested in pursuing a career as a naturalist.

Rachel Alliss, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – DNR is in the swing of the legislative season. The Communication Outreach and Marketing Section focused on education is working on a conservation education curriculum including moving DNR program offerings into the curriculum. Let Rachel know if there are any teachers looking for Hunter Education in the schools.

General Discussion

- The board reviewed the edits and changes requested at the December 15, 2022 CEP Board Meeting for the REAP Conservation Education Program Draft Policies and Procedures.

Motion by Christopher Like to change bullet four in Board Voting to specifically read, If 5 members are present, then 3 members must vote YES, and approve all remaining policies and procedures. Seconded by Peg Steffen.

Roll call vote: Patrice Peteresen-Keys: Yes

Victoria DeVoss: Yes

Rachel Alliss: Yes

Peg Steffen: Yes

Christopher Like: Yes

Approved.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Rachel Alliss to adjourn. Seconded by Patrice Petersen-Keys. Motion carried unanimously. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.