

# MONARCH COVE

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**NOTE:** Member Payments are to be mailed to: P.O. Box 47, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

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## MINUTES –MONARCH COVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 17, 2018

President Jim Benz called the meeting to order around 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the home of Secretary Gladys Shultz. Board members, officers and Committee Chairs present were: Gladys Shultz, Debbie Earleywine, Sandra Bowman, Mark Lemke, Rod Earleywine, Kristin Jacobi, Tim Kennedy, Warren Vickery, Dan Bennett and Jim Benz. Absent was Allan Sieck & Fred Shultz. Also present were Jim Krage and Derek Bergman.

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President Benz asked for a motion to approve minutes of the December 16, 2017 meetings of the board of directors. Upon motion made by Tim Kennedy and seconded by Dan Bennett, the minutes of the December 16, 2017 meeting were approved.

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The Board warmly welcomed Derek Bergman, Site Director for the Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center. Derek said that he and his staff have been working hard to get everything ready for the 2018 summer session. Derek discussed some of the events that will take place this spring. Derek said that the Methodist Camp Work Day will begin at 9:00 am on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Derek said that they can always use extra help on work day. Derek said that some of the projects that they will be working on include painting, cleaning, yard work, tree cutting and more. Derek said that if someone wants to help but cannot be present on May 19<sup>th</sup>, they should contact him at the number listed below for the Methodist Camp office. Derek also said that on June 8<sup>th</sup> Methodist Camp will host their annual “Neighbor Night”. He said that food will be served and music will be provided by the group, “All Strings Attached”. Derek said that the fun will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 8. Derek also told the Board that this year, for the first time, Methodist Camp is asking for volunteers to assist when new campers arrive for the week. He said that he is looking for people that can greet new campers and their parents, answer any questions they may have and direct them to where they need to go next. Derek said that if any one is interested in volunteering they should stop by the Methodist Camp office or give him a call. The telephone number for the Methodist Camp office is 712-336-2936.

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President Jim Benz gave the Board an update on efforts to lower the level of total trihalomethanes (TTHM) in our water. Jim said that the DNR standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L. Jim reminded the Board that Monarch Cove was advised by the DNR on May 12, 2017 and on November 14, 2017 that the 4 month average on both dates was 0.081 mg/L, which was just over the DNR standard. Jim said that the 4 month average for both dates was high because both averages included the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016 test of 0.128 mg/L. Jim said that the test for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017 was 0.061 mg/L and the test for the 1<sup>st</sup> first quarter 2018 was 0.040 mg/L which will bring the total trihalomethanes (TTHM) well below the DNR standard.

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Monarch Cove Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman, Fred Shultz, provided all board members with a copy of the receipts and expenditures since the December 16, 2017 board meeting. The board will discuss these receipts and expenditures in detail at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

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President Jim Benz reviewed with the Board a proposed contract that he received from Justin Christensen, an engineer with DeWild, Grant, Reckert and Associates, d/b/a DGR Engineering, for services to be performed during the Monarch Cove road rehabilitation project that is scheduled to be completed in 2019. The Board made changes to the proposed contract and directed the president to discuss these changes with Mr. Christensen. Two members of the board said that they have been speaking with a retired engineer from Sioux City who has considerable experience with projects such as the Monarch Cove road rehabilitation project. The Board agreed to meet with this engineer prior to making a final decision on the proposed DGR contract.

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President Jim Benz asked the Board to approve an “on-call” list of people that he can call when there is an issue in Monarch Cove that needs immediate attention and when neither he nor anyone else is available on site to address the issue. Jim said that should it be necessary to contact a person on this list, that person should be paid at a rate established by the board for any work done. After discussion it was moved by Jim Benz and seconded by Warren Vickery that the President be authorized to put together an “on-call” list of people that the President, or someone designated by the President, can call when necessary and that the person called be paid \$10 per hour for time spent. Jim gave the board the name of one person that he has had discussions with who has agreed to be on the list. Jim said that he will advise the Board if anyone else is to be put on the list. The motion was approved by the board.

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The Board received an update on the Marina from Chairman Rod Earleywine; an update on the Memorial Committee from Chairwoman Kristin Jacobi and an update on the Ravine project from Chairwoman Debbie Earleywine. Thank you to each Committee Chairwoman and Chairman. Monarch Cove could not function without the work of those who commit their time and effort to the well being of Monarch Cove.

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The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on June 16, 2018 in the home of Gladys Shultz.

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Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 am.

**Gladys Shultz, Secretary**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF MONARCH COVE INTEREST**

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### **NEW MEMBERS**

- Welcome to new member Lauren Holderness who purchased the home of Mary Lou James located at 21190 5<sup>th</sup> Lane.
- Welcome to new members Ian and Abby Banks who purchased the home of Dan and Diane Tjaden at 15465 213<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Welcome to new members David and Jennifer Erkes who purchased the home of Michael and Mona Scaletta located at 21342 Ravine Street.

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## **CONDOLENCES**

- There have been no member deaths since our last minutes.

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If you have an email address that we do not have as yet, please send it to the Secretary so that you can be added to our email list. The cost of postage and stationary continues to increase. The more notices we can send by email the more money we can save for our members.

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**HAVE YOU WALKED INSIDE THE BELL TOWER LATELY? A GROUP OF MEMBERS HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAKE IT A PLACE TO ENJOY A BOOK AND DISCOVER NEW ONES. THE BOOKS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED TO EASILY FIND WHAT YOU WANT. DONATIONS OF YOUR BOOKS ARE ALSO WELCOME. THANKS, TO THIS GROUP!**

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Please note that all payments must be mailed to our booking service at: **P.O. Box 47, Spirit Lake, IA 51360**. If you send your payments to the Monarch Cove mailing address there will be a delay of over a week in having your payment posted. You will also be increasing the postage costs for Monarch Cove.