

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2022
Conservation Board Office
1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

Members Present: Mandie Sanderman, Chair; Larry Pavelec, Vice Chair; Richard Harms, Stacey Snyder and Kevin Korman

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Kip Ladage, David Lehman, and David Rader

Meeting called to order following the REAP committee meeting at 7:10 PM by Chairman Sanderman.

Harms moved to accept the minutes from the July 6, 2022 regular meeting as presented, and add agenda item. Seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Agenda item added: Cattle Grazing – David Rader was in attendance to request allowing his cattle to graze the Frahm parcel after his lease ends on August 15th. After discussion, Pavelec moved to allow cattle to be grazed on the Frahm parcel from August 16-September 15. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Hockenson recently presented at a Trees Forever meeting at the office building, and informed the board of the public Pipeline meeting scheduled for August 23.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Hockenson presented a quote for guard rail from Hi-Way Products for the flume bridge at Alcock Park. After discussion on wood versus galvanized post options, Korman made a motion to place an order for guard rail using galvanized posts. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Ken Knapp Logging Co had taken a look at the dead ash and oak trees on both sides of Alcock Park, and is interested in harvesting the trees for market. His logging crew is able to begin removing the trees the second week of August. Trees will be harvested and sold with no costs for removal to the county, and partial sale revenue. Conservation staff will clean up the remaining tops.

Pavelec has begun running cable across the suspension bridge at Alcock Park. At this point 3 of the 4 cables are up.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The option to purchase the 15-acre Vogt property along the Wapsie River Greenbelt was accepted by the landowner. The abstract has also been brought up to date with a possible closing in September.

The Iowa DOT mailed a notice of 42 acres of land they are planning on disposing of at the intersection of Hwy 63 and 3. Fair market value or above written bids are currently being considered from entities receiving the mailing. If no bids are accepted it will go up for public auction. After discussion, and Sanderman commenting on the need for more handicapped accessible areas/activities, Korman moved to not make an offer. The motion was seconded by Pavelec. Since no offer was made, no vote was needed.

- **Other Areas:**

Chevy Traverse auction results/replacement: The damaged Traverse sold for \$17,200 on public online auction. Hockenson presented a state bid price from Karl Chevrolet for a 2023 Traverse, although at this point it is uncertain if/when the order will be filled. Harms moved to accept the state bid price and place an order. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report: The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent program numbers given. Time was spent preparing and coordinating activities for the Outdoor Explorers programs. Thank you letters were sent out for 5th grade field day, and the frog and toad survey report was filled out. Several updates were made to the Facebook and Instagram pages. Heather also did many BCNA related tasks, and is preparing to work on the fall newsletter with Angie. They both also updated the teacher newsletters. There was a motion by Pavelec to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Recycling Educator/Naturalist Report: The recycling educator/naturalist report was then reviewed. The report contained recent programs given. The teacher recycling newsletter was updated. Angie is working on the fall newsletter. She will be on vacation in Alaska for a few weeks in August. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

Open Discussion: Snyder provided an update on the REAP CEP grant she had recently done with 6 teachers. Ladage and Hockenson provided an update on the emergency alert signs for the campgrounds.

Bills/Purchases: Motion by Harms to approve the bills. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

Next meeting 7:00 PM September 7, 2022 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Sanderman at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hockenson
Director

Approved: Mandie Sanderman, Chairman
