

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting

February 2, 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; Heather Gamm, Naturalist; Kip Ladage; Brian, Jordan, Joey Schmidt (Eagle Scouts)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Sanderman.

Pavelec moved to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Hockenson provided a legislative update, and discussed the budget meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Bremer and Black Hawk Counties ISU Extension are planning on putting together another Master Conservationist Program April 28-June 2. The BCNA banquet is scheduled for April 2 at the Denver Legion. A donation was also made to the BCNA for a snowmobile to be utilized for trail grooming at Ingawanis Woodland.

Eagle Scout Projects Request: Brian, Joey, & Jordan Schmidt of Troop 90 in Waverly were in attendance to discuss mapping and signage of kayak routes in Bremer County, and creating an orienteering course at Ingawanis Woodland. After a presentation from Jordan, a motion was made by Snyder to allow the project of mapping kayak routes in Bremer County. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously. After a presentation from Joey, a motion was made by Pavelec to allow the project of creating an orienteering course at Ingawanis Woodland. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Hockenson provided current pictures of the concrete bridge pillars on the Crane Creek bridge on the Grump Trail. The bottoms of the concrete pillars are beginning to deteriorate and will need addressed. The Board gave direction to move forward with obtaining repair estimates.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The Bremer County Farm Service Agency has created a farm number for the grazed area leased with Dave Rader. Farm numbers are being created to certify pasture acres in the

same manner as tillable acres. The former Frahm parcel currently already has a farm number associated with it.

The loggers have begun harvesting the remaining trees on stand 4c they were not able to get done last winter at Island Access. The post harvest cut on stands 4a & 4b is also underway and nearly complete.

-Other Areas: After meeting with IA DNR Avian Ecologist Anna Buckardt Thomas to discuss potential locations for a MOTUS bird tracking tower, it was determined that a station would work very well at the office in Tripoli. Partnering with the IA DNR and Prairie Rapids Audubon Society on the project will continue to move forward.

EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report: The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent program numbers given. Heather was present to answer any questions. Prep work for the 5th Grade Field Day is taking place. The Winter Picnic and Soap Making events were added online. The DNR collection permits were submitted. Several updates were made to the Facebook page. Work was done on several BCNA related tasks including preparing for and attending a virtual meeting and planning for the Winter Picnic. Other meetings were attended virtually. The IT Department replaced Heather's computer. There was a motion by Harms to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

Recycling Educator/Naturalist Report: The recycling educator/naturalist report was then reviewed. The report contained recent programs given. Angie attended the Winterfest Conference at the end of January, and spent time planning the BCNA Winter Picnic event. Time was spent preparing for, scheduling, and conducting in person programs. Angie also attended a BCNA virtual meeting. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

Open Discussion: Kip Ladage provided an update on the Upper Wapsi and Cedar River Management Authorities, as well as the Shell Rock River Management Coalition. Kip suggested continuing to think of potential projects in those regions.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM March 2, 2022 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Sanderman at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Mandie Sanderman, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson
Director
