

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2022
Conservation Board Office
1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

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

Members Absent: Stacey Snyder

Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Kip Ladage, Emergency Manager

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

Pavelec moved to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: The damaged Chevy Traverse will be auctioned off July 19. The Iowa County Conservation System Fall Conference is scheduled for September 13-15 in Dubuque County. The conservation board received a donation toward the Alcock Park walk bridge in memory of Wes Crawford from Frederika. The local Whitetails Unlimited chapter also donated \$1,300 for new bows and targets.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Camping numbers were strong for the 4th of July Holiday weekend with numbers similar to last year.

The county bridge crew has replaced the flume bridge on the east entrance to Alcock Park. The new box culvert sections were placed and the park was open for the July 4th celebration. Guard rail and additional safety railing are yet to be constructed.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The verbal offer on the 15-acre Vogt property along the Wapsie River Greenbelt was accepted by the landowner. A more formal offer will be sent to begin moving forward with the acquisition. After further discussion, Korman moved to offer \$2,200 per acre plus title opinion and deed costs, with the seller paying for the abstract, real estate stamps, and any property taxes due. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

The board discussed management practices on the 20.8 acres of crop ground at the Plum Creek Wildlife Area. Converting those acres to a permanent wildlife cover of prairie grasses and flowers will benefit the wildlife in the area. Korman moved and Pavelec seconded terminating the ag lease at the north end of

the Plum Creek Wildlife Area. The motion was approved unanimously. The board further discussed naming of the new prairie once established. Pavelec moved to name the new planting "Jim Peters Memorial Prairie". The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

- Other Areas:

REAP Committee: The Iowa DNR REAP Coordinator has requested updated information from each county in regards to its REAP committee. It has been a number of years since a grant application has been requested and a meeting taken place. Although no applications are needing to be reviewed again this year, a meeting should take place to review the latest 5 year plan and to establish a chairperson. A meeting will be scheduled for Aug 3 at 6:30 PM at the Conservation Board Office.

EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report: The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent program numbers given. Time was spent preparing for the summer library and picnic in the parks programs. Activities have also been planned for the new Mini Explorers group. Several updates were made to the Facebook and Instagram pages. Heather and Angie placed items at the nature playscape. Heather also did many BCNA related tasks, and did the frog and toad survey. 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 has been responsible for summer program registrations. She also attended the wrap up meeting for the Kids Outdoor Fun Day, and spent time preparing for, scheduling, and conducting in person programs. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

Open Discussion: Kip provided updates on the watershed management authorities, and gave a re-cap of the Upper Wapsie Field Day. The way the Cedar River is cutting a new channel north of the Hwy 188 bridge by North Cedar Park was also made note of.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM August 3, 2022 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Sanderman at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hockenson
Director

Approved: Mandie Sanderman, Chairman
