

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2022

Conservation Board Office

1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

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

Members Absent: Mandie Sanderman

Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Angie Auel, Recycling Educator/Naturalist; Kip Ladage

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

Korman moved to accept the minutes from the February 2, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Hockenson provided a legislative update with potential bills pertaining to land acquisitions and IWILL. The BCNA banquet is scheduled for April 2 at the Denver Legion. Bremer County Conservation and the City of Tripoli plan to partner on a Sweet Water Trail event in April. Hockenson reported on the recent staff meeting.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Hockenson presented a quote from Forterra Precast for the concrete box culvert sections for the Alcock flume bridge project. Bremer County Secondary Roads Dept. have utilized these products on other culvert projects in the county. After reviewing the quote, Harms made a motion to place the order with Forterra Precast. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Staff members are finishing up cutting/splitting firewood, with maintenance to equipment now taking place. Spring plans include working on the North Woods playscape and conducting prescribed prairie burns.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The remaining trees have been harvested at Island Access. The post-harvest in stands 4a & 4b is also wrapping up. Hockenson met with Tom Brown to review the post-harvest work done to date, and discuss continuing with harvesting the 9.4 acres in 4c at the same rate of \$285/acre. Mr. Brown will proceed at his original bid price on the remaining acres.

- **Other Areas:** Waverly Utilities is looking to build a solar park in the Waverly Utility Service Area, and is looking for property suitable for this project. With limited county land, nothing owned/managed by the Bremer County Conservation Board in this service area will work well for this project.

FY2020/21 Annual Report: Hockenson presented the fiscal year 2020/21 annual report. Snyder moved to accept the annual report as presented. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously. Hockenson will submit the report to the Board of Supervisors.

EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report: The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent program numbers given. A soap making program was prepared for and presented in February. Other snowshoeing events had to be canceled due to lack of snow. A report was written to Prairie Rapids Audubon Society thanking them for the SWIVL grant. Volunteers are working on the Little Library for North Woods. Several updates were made to the Facebook page. Work was done on several BCNA related tasks including preparing for and attending a meeting, and planning for the April 2 banquet. Other meetings were attended in person. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

Recycling Educator/Naturalist Report: The recycling educator/naturalist report was then reviewed. The report contained recent programs given. Angie was in attendance to go over her report. Angie worked on the spring newsletter. She also wrote letters to Whitetails Unlimited and Pheasants Forever requesting donations for bows, targets, pellet guns, and gun racks. Time was spent preparing for, scheduling, and conducting in person programs. There was a motion by Snyder to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Korman 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. The Shell Rock River Water Quality Management Planning grant was approved.

The Board briefly discussed utilizing a portion of Jim Peter's memorial money for planting prairie seed at the north end of Plum Creek Wildlife Area.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM April 6, 2022 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Vice Chairman Pavelec at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hockenson
Director

Approved: Mandie Sanderman, Chairman
