

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting

October 5, 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: Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Heather Gamm, Naturalist

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

Snyder moved to accept the minutes from the re-scheduled September 12, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Snyder, Harms, and Hockenson provided an overview of the Fall Conference they recently attended. Hockenson reported on attending the fall CCPOA workshop, planting trees with the Trees Forever Stewards of the Beautiful Land group, and the upcoming hunter education field day course.

EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report: The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent program numbers given. Monarch tagging took place. Several updates were made to the Facebook page. Heather also did many BCNA related tasks, attended the NE IA Naturalist and District 2 meetings, and is working on writing her Halloween Hike skit. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Staff members got the guard rail installed around the flume bridge at Alcock Park. They also put in additional safety hand rails around the box culvert. That FEMA project is now complete with final paperwork next to be submitted.

Fall projects in the parks include working on the walk bridge at Alcock Park, continuing with tree and stump clean up at Alcock Park, and playscape items at North Woods.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The trails through Island Access and Plum Creek Wildlife Area have been cleared and mowed. Firebreaks are also mowed at Brewer Access, Winzenburg Prairie, Ringneck Wildlife Area, and Cedar River Wildlife Area. Snyder reported she had met with Terry VanDeWalle, and pointed out snake management target areas within the Hay/Buhr Accesses. She also mentioned the

possibility of another snake research project on that area, and that there may be funds available for management.

- **Other Areas:** At the time of the meeting, no estimates were obtained for the roofing projects at Alcock Park. The discussion will be tabled until the November meeting.

Recycling Educator/Naturalist Report: The recycling educator/naturalist report was then reviewed. The report contained recent programs given, which included two GPS, and several other school programs. Angie has been taking care of registrations and advertising for the Halloween Hike. All sessions have already filled. The composting worms have been a popular program this month. There was a motion by Snyder to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

Open Discussion: After the last well inspection, it was determined the hand pump well on the east side of Alcock Park should be plugged.

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

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

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Sanderman at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Mandie Sanderman, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson
Director
