

**BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 12, 2022 (postponed from Sep. 7)**  
**Conservation Board Office**  
**1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676**

**Members Present:** Mandie Sanderman, Chair; Richard Harms, Stacey Snyder and Kevin Korman

**Members Absent:** Larry Pavelec, Vice Chair

**Also Present:** Andrew Hockenson, Director; Kip Ladage

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Sanderman.

Harms moved to accept the minutes from the August 3, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

**Misc. Correspondence and Announcements:** The fall newsletter has been sent out. Hockenson, Harms, and Snyder will be attending the ICCS Fall Conference in Dubuque County this week. The Bremer County Pheasants Forever chapter is hosting the annual Governors Pheasant Hunt on November 5. The CCPOA fall workshop is coming up Oct 3-5.

**Area Reports and Updates:**

- **Parks:** Camping numbers from the Labor Day holiday weekend were similar to previous years. Camping numbers at North Cedar were much higher, while Alcock Park were lower due to the tree removal project.

Ken Knapp Logging Co has cut and removed the marketable ash and oak trees on both sides of Alcock Park. Staff members have spent a considerable amount of time cutting, chipping, and piling what was left of the tops of cut trees. Both sides were open for the holiday weekend.

Stump removal bids were received from Hawkeye Farm Services, SSPI Solutions, Wilharm Stump Removal, and Schwake Stump Service. Sale of the trees will help offset stump removal costs. After discussing all bids, Snyder made a motion to accept the low bid of \$5,500 from Schwake Stump Service. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Guard rail and handrails have been delivered for the Alcock flume bridge. Staff members have begun working on installing both. Final completion date is September 30, 2022, which will close this FEMA project out.

A request for the Board to consider installing a disc golf course at North Woods Park was made by Marshall Anderson and Tom Blume. Pricing on basket options were provided. Both Marshall and Tom felt the site would be suitable for a 9-hole course, potentially even an 18 sometime in the future. After discussion, the board felt this would be a project to move forward on, with the assistance of the Bremer County Nature Alliance.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The purchase of the 15-acre Vogt property along the Wapsie River Greenbelt has been finalized and is now open for public use.

- **Other Areas:** The shower building and open shelter roofs on the east and west sides of Alcock Park are in need of replacing. The board gave direction to gather bids for work on these three buildings.

The Board discussion the Navigator CO2 pipeline that is proposed to cross through Bremer County. There is a potential the line would cross through county conservation lands. Hockenson will reach out to other counties to see if they had specific policies in regards to crossing county land.

**Tractor Bids:** Bids were received and discussed for the purchase of a new tractor with loader. P&K Midwest: John Deere 5075E and 5075M; Titan Machinery: Farmall 75A; Dieke Implement: Massey Ferguson 4707. After comparing specifications and options, and considering time frame of delivery, Korman made a motion to accept the low bid from Dieke Implement for the Massey Ferguson 4707 with loader and to include a 3-point mower. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

**EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report:** The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent program numbers given. The fall EE program list was updated on our website for teachers and educators. Many programs are being scheduled throughout the school year. Heather helped facilitate the Whitewater Kayaking trip in Manchester, she also helped lead a trip to the Rockford Fossil Park. Several updates were made to the Facebook and Instagram pages. Heather also did many BCNA related tasks, attended the summer IAN meeting in Lee County, and is working on planning the Halloween Hike. There was a motion by Harms 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 fall recycling program list was updated on our website. The fall newsletter was finalized and mailed out. Angie presented on her Alaska trip and National Parks to North Star and the senior centers she visits. The presentations were well attended. She is also working on planning the Halloween Hike. There was a motion by Snyder to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

**Open Discussion:** Kip provided an update on the watershed management authorities. In some cases, conservation boards serve as the fiscal entity. The Upper Cedar WMA has open officer positions that need filling.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM October 5, 2022 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Sanderman at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Mandie Sanderman, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson  
Director

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