

**BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting December 6, 2023**  
**Conservation Board Office**  
**1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676**

**Members Present:** Larry Pavelec, Chair; Mandie Sanderman, Vice Chair (virtually); Richard Harms, Stacey Snyder and Kevin Korman

**Members Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Andrew Hockenson, Director; Heather Gamm, Naturalist; Kip Ladage, Mike Steven, Brian Schmidt, Jordan Schmidt

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

Snyder move to add agenda item IV.c.iii – Eagle Scout Project Final Approval. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Korman moved to accept the minutes from the November 1, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

**Area Reports and Updates:**

- **Other Areas:** Jordan Schmidt from Troop 90 in Waverly gave a presentation on her Water Trails Eagle Scout Project she recently completed. After hearing the presentation and answering questions, Snyder moved to approve the project. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

**Misc. Correspondence and Announcements:** Current board member terms were reviewed. Five trees were planted at Alcock Park from donations raised through the Bremer County Nature Alliance. Boundary signs were set and straightened at Shell Rock Access. Alan Blasberg will be accessing the gate at Island Access again this year to get to his property. Hockenson presented at the career fair at Tripoli Schools.

**Area Reports and Updates:**

- **Parks:** Mike Stevens was in attendance to talk about cabin fundraising. Letters and brochures have been sent to several businesses. The Board gave direction to discuss drawing up finalized plans for the cabin with Spahn & Rose Lumber in Waverly.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The Habitat Stamp Grant has been submitted for the wetland creation at Ringneck Wildlife Area. Permits through the DNR and USACE have also been submitted for the project. Staff members spent time at Horton Road Ponds cutting and pulling unwanted trees around the ponds

and upland areas. They have also begun working on cutting and splitting firewood at North Cedar and Cedar Bend. Plans are to potentially work with a logger to remove the dead ash trees at Snyder Access.

- **Other Areas:** The Bremer County Attorney is working on preparing acquisition documents for the Noack property, with plans to have it finalized before the end of the year.

Complaints from neighbors and trail users of dogs running off-leash at Ingawanis Woodland have been taken. Temporary signs have been placed to go along with the ones currently up. Additional signs and cameras may also be placed.

**Capital expenditure requests & budget meeting with the Board of Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors have requested a meeting with other department's boards to discuss capital project requests and the upcoming budget preparation. After discussing capital expenditures, Harms moved to request \$30,000 for a new mower and \$50,000 for the Cedar Bend cabin project. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

**EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report:** The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Heather did many BCNA related tasks, made several posts to our Facebook page, and brought back playscape items for winter. She also put on three wreath making classes with full attendance. Heather attended a STEM WaterWorks training at UNI, and helped prepare for the IA Conservation Education Coalition conference. 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 reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Angie attended the BCNA meeting and STEM WaterWorks training. She put on two charcuterie board classes with full attendance. There was a motion by Harms to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

**Open Discussion:** Kip Ladage provided an update on the watershed management authorities.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM January 3, 2024 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec at 8:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hockenson  
Director

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

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