

**BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting August 7, 2024**  
**Conservation Board Office**  
**1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676**

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

**Members Absent:** Stacey Snyder

**Also Present:** Andrew Hockenson, Director; Heather Gamm, Naturalist; Patricia Spowart, David Lehman, and Kip Ladage

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

Sanderman moved to accept the minutes from the July 9, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

**Misc. Correspondence and Announcements:** Hockenson relayed comments from his conversation with Howard Schmitz regarding moving trails and/or closing certain trail sections at Ingawanis Woodland. Hockenson will present at the September 5th Master Conservationist session in Tripoli.

**Area Reports and Updates:**

- **Parks:** Pavelec reported he spoke again to the Denver Lions Club about the Cedar Bend cabin project. He also spent time at the BCNA (Bremer County Nature Alliance) booth at the Bremer County Fair talking with people about the project.

The Bremer County Conservation Board was given the opportunity to submit a sealed bid on the portable building at the Carey School site. After looking at pictures of the building and discussing logistics of getting it moved to Cedar Bend for conversion to a cabin, the Board elected to not submit a bid.

Hockenson reported the BCNA approved a donation of \$2,500 toward the purchase of 9-disc golf baskets at North Woods Park.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Staff members have been working on clearing and mowing the trails through North Cedar Wildlife Area.

- **Other Areas:**

**Vehicle disposal:** Korman moved to place the 1994 and 1999 chevy pickups on an upcoming online auction through DPA Auctions. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

**Mower Bids:** Bids were received and discussed for the purchase of a new mower. P&K Midwest: John Deere 1570 and Z997R; Dieke Implement: Kubota F3710 and ZD 1611; Stan's Small Engine: Grasshopper 900D and 400D; Stokes Welding: Toro 72076. After comparing specifications, price, and considering time frame of delivery, Korman made a motion to accept the bid from P&K Midwest (Sumner) for the John Z997R. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved

**EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report:** The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Outdoor Explorers programs were in full swing. STEM Extern, Travis Angell, helped with several of the camps and with aligning BCCB programs with science standards. Heather did many BCNA related tasks and made several Facebook posts. She also attended an ICEC virtual meeting, purchased monarch tags, and began discussing program dates for the upcoming school year. There was a motion by Harms to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

**Recycling Educator/Naturalist Report:** The Recycling Educator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Both Angie and Heather worked with Travis throughout the Outdoor Explorers camps and other programs. Angie worked on updating the Recycling Program list, and has started working on the fall newsletter. Travis and Angie worked together on a new MRF (Mini Recycling Facility) using donated funds. There was a motion by Sanderman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

**Open Discussion:** Sanderman suggested possibly trying to sell t-shirts as a fundraiser for the cabin. Ladage reported he will remain the Bremer Co. representative to the watershed authorities. Both Ladage and Lehman provided an update on the watershed management authorities.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM September 4, 2024 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hockenson  
Director

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

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