

**BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Alternate Date July 9, 2024**  
**Conservation Board Office**  
**1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676**

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

**Members Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Andrew Hockenson, Director; Heather Gamm, Naturalist; Patricia Spowart

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

Sanderman moved to accept the minutes from the June 5, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

**Misc. Correspondence and Announcements:** The \$5000 request through the Bremer County Community Endowment Grant was approved for the river access project at Cedar Bend Park. The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation has provided the remaining funds held for the donor kiosk panels at Ingawanis Woodland. The Fall Conference will be in Fayette and Winneshiek Counties September 17-19.

**Area Reports and Updates:**

- **Parks:** With recent flooding, camping numbers were down throughout the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Alcock and North Cedar Parks were closed due to flooding, with the lower portion of North Woods also closed for a short period of time. Staff members have been working at adding rock and grading park roads, removing any debris, and working at getting the shower building at North Cedar power washed and scrubbed.

The disc golf course at North Woods Park was once again discussed. With potential volunteer help for course design and layout, the Board discussed moving forward with the project. Sanderman made a motion to purchase 9 disc golf baskets for North Woods Park. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

- **Wildlife Areas:** With wet conditions throughout the spring and early summer months, no food plots were able to be planted in the three areas within the Wapsie River Greenbelt.

As of the July meeting, cattle had not been on the leased area due to wet ground and fears of flooding. Cattle will be allowed on the leased area when conditions allow, however no action was taken as far as letting them on the Frahm parcels.

- **Other Areas:**

**EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report:** The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Picnic in the Park programs began. Materials for the Outdoor Explorers programs were distributed to participants. STEM Extern, Travis Angell, has begun helping with numerous activities. Heather did many BCNA related tasks and made several Facebook posts. She also attended two ICEC virtual meetings, conducted the frog & toad survey, and attended Active Threat Training. Two memorial trees for former employee Tammy Turner were purchased and planted at Alcock Park. 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. There was a motion by Sanderman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

**Open Discussion:** Pavelec provided an update on the cabin fundraising. He has spoken with different organization and handed out several brochures. He also has other upcoming opportunities to talk about the project with Denver and Waverly Lions Clubs.

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

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

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson  
Director

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