

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting June 5, 2024
Conservation Board Office
1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

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

Members Absent: Stacey Snyder

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

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

Sanderman moved to accept the minutes from the May 1, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: The Bremer County Nature Alliance provided staff members with an appreciation breakfast at Cedar Bend. An extern from Waverly Shell Rock Schools will be working with Heather and Angie throughout the summer with educational programming and outreach. A volunteer intern from Warburg will also be helping with park related activities 1 day a week throughout June and July.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** With recent flooding, camping numbers were down throughout the Memorial Day weekend. Alcock Park was closed due to high water, with North Cedar and North Woods experiencing minor flooding and minimal damage.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The construction of the wetland at Ringneck Wildlife area has been completed. Hockenson will begin gathering and submitting Habitat Stamp Grant closeout documents.

The Bremer County bridge crew has plans to start working on replacing the trail bridge at Wilson Grove Wildlife Area within the next month or so. Materials from a road replacement bridge have been placed at the County Farm site and will be utilized for this project.

- **Other Areas:** Hockenson shared text messages and emails received from neighbors of Ingawanis Woodland. He also reported on meeting with Howard Schmitz, Brian Davis, and Kevin King at Eagle Lodge. Mr. Schmitz questioned the possibility of closing down the "Bottoms" trail section during the hunting seasons. No action taken by the Board of making changes to the original motion voted on and approved during the March 6, 2024 meeting.

Hockenson reported recently meeting with the Board of Supervisors and discussing the property lines at Horton Road Ponds.

EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report: The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Heather spent a considerable amount of time and effort planning for and conducting the 5th Grade Field Day. She also assisted with the Wartburg Outdoor Recreation class. Several end of the school year programs and field trips were put on throughout May. She was able to get worms for fishing programs donated by Riverside Bait in Frederika. She met virtually with the Bremer County Bike Coalition, did many BCNA related tasks, and made several Facebook posts. Angie has been taking registrations electronically for summer outdoor explorer camps, Picnic in the Parks, and Mini Explorers. There was a motion by Korman 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. Summer camp registrations have filled. 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 more meetings planned with different organizations. Hockenson will review remaining budget figures and request a camping revenue funds transfer to the Trust Fund/Land Acquisition Account. July meeting will be postponed until Tuesday July 9th.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday July 9, 2024 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson
Director
