

**BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting October 2, 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; Patricia Spowart, Kip Ladage, Deb Schmitz, Howard Schmitz, Trent Schneck, and Zane Larson

Meeting called to order at 6:58 PM by Chairman Pavelec.

Sanderman moved to accept the minutes from the September 4, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

**Misc. Correspondence and Announcements:** Those attending the Fall Conference provided feedback.

Deb Schmitz, Howard Schmitz, Trent Schneck, and Zane Larson were in attendance to discuss the trails at Ingawanis Woodland.

**Area Reports and Updates:**

- **Parks:** The Board reviewed a firewood supply agreement for Cedar Bend Park. The agreement would run from October 3, 2024 thru October 31, 2024 with SSPI Solutions. The agreement highlighted bundle size, price, labeling, and delivery. After discussion, Snyder made a motion to approve the agreement for the remainder of the camping season. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Pavelec continues talking with different organizations about the Cedar Bend cabin. Hockenson is requesting money from the Board of Supervisors from the two pickups recently sold at auction and leftover budgeted money from the capital mower purchase.

The Alcock Park east shelter has been removed. Plans are to place a fire ring on one portion of the existing concrete pad and construct a two-picnic table size shelter over the other.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Firebreaks have been mowed through Island Access, Plum Creek, and Cedar River Wildlife Area. Unwanted trees and brush will also be mowed at Winzenburg Prairie and Horton Road Ponds.

- **Other Areas:** The Bremer County Bridge Crew is getting started replacing the bridge at Wilson Grove. Two extra concrete box culvert sections they had will make up the new bridge.

Hockenson submitted a state Water Recreation Access Cost-Share program grant for constructing a new boat ramp at North Cedar Park.

Two students from Upper Iowa University showed an interest in working on projects at A.F. Miller State Preserve.

**Naturalist Position Hiring Process:** There have been around 12 applications submitted. Hockenson and Auel will review and discuss setting up interviews for later in October.

**Naturalist Report:** The Naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Angie worked on mailing and emailing the newsletters. She also worked on scheduling the upcoming school programs, and is re-organizing file cabinets. There was a motion by Sanderman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Snyder. All approved

**Open Discussion:** Ladage provided an update on the Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition and Upper Wapsie Watershed Management Authority.

Snyder inquired about the cattle status on the Wapsie River Greenbelt.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM November 6, 2024 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson  
Director

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