

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting April 2, 2025
Conservation Board Office
1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

Members Present: Larry Pavelec, Chair; Mandie Sanderman, Vice Chair; Stacey Snyder, Kevin Korman and Patty Spowart

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Kip Ladage

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

Sanderman moved to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Hockenson attended an open meetings training at the Courthouse. The BCNA banquet was also recently held.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** The Board reviewed estimates for constructing a concrete boat ramp and adding riprap along the Cedar River at North Cedar Park. After reviewing submitted bids, Korman made a motion to accept the low bid from Burkle Landscaping and Trucking. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

The Board next reviewed estimates for constructing an "S" shaped concrete canoe/kayak access at Cedar Bend Park. After reviewing options of concrete stairs and the "S" shaped path, Snyder made a motion to accept the low bid of the "S" path from Kingsley Trucking and Excavating. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

The Board next reviewed estimates for adding a concrete floor to the shop at Cedar Bend. Snyder made a motion to accept the low bid from Matt Construction. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

The fire ring and limestone blocks have been placed at the east shelter site at Alcock Park. A material list is being put together for a small open shelter to also go at that site.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Spring burns have taken place on portions of Brase, Hay, Buhr, Frahm, and Brewer Accesses.

The Cedar Valley Habitat Partnership crew was planning on their first work day removing woody vegetation in Black Hawk County. Rainy weather has postponed the workday for a later time. Other surrounding counties have projects in mind throughout the year.

- **Other Areas:** A Conservation Crew of Iowa (CCI) will be working at removing woody vegetation from A.F. Miller State Preserve. Iowa DNR State Preserves funds will be utilized for the crew from Sept. 29-Oct. 2.

Naturalist Report: The combined Naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Liz and Angie attended Spring IAN and brought back new program and promotion ideas from the workshop. Liz is creating a new pollinator program. Angie is working on scheduling field trips and organizing 5th Grade Field Day. There was a motion by Snyder to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Spowart. All approved

Open Discussion: Recent additional donations have come in for the Cedar Bend cabin. Ladage provided updates on the watershed management authorities.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM May 7, 2025 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
