

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting August 6, 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; Nick Fratzke(INRCOG), Sanzida Rahman Setu(INRCOG), David Lehman, Kip Ladage

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

Snyder moved to accept the minutes from the July 2, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

Cedar River Water Trail Plan – INRCOG: Nick Fratzke with INRCOG was again in attendance to discuss partnering on a Cedar River Water Trail Plan through Bremer County, along with assisting with a landowner survey. Snyder moved to proceed with Resolution 0825 to request the assistance of the staff of the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments to prepare a landowner survey and public engagement in consideration for IA DNR Water Trails Planning. The motion was seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Hockenson presented on Bremer County Conservation Board areas and activities to the Rotary Club.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** A second estimate has been received for replacing hail damaged metal roofing on the shop, shower building, and east shelter at Cedar Bend. The estimate also included replacing metal siding and roofing on the shop that were not included in the adjusters estimates. After discussion and reviewing all estimates, Korman made a motion to accept the low bid from Yoder Construction pending insurance approval. Spowart seconded the motion. All approved.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Plans for the pasture to prairie conversion on the Frahm parcel will consist of an aerial application of herbicide in late August/early September, a second herbicide application in the spring, followed by planting native prairie grasses and flowers in May/June 2026.

- **Other Areas:** An uneven section of asphalt on the Grump Trail was discussed. Board directed Hockenson to reach out to an asphalt company for suggested repairs.

Naturalist Report: The combined Naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Liz and Angie are updating program lists and write-ups. Liz hosted a nature trivia event at Ten Wasp Brewing. Summer camps are wrapping up. Angie is reaching out to teachers to begin signing up for school programs. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Sanderman. All approved

Open Discussion: August 12th special meeting to review the long-range plan. Six of the disc golf pads are poured and the other six are framed. Ladage provided an update on the Cedar, Upper Wapsie, and Shell Rock Rivers Watershed Management Authorities.

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

Next meeting **5:00 PM** September 3, 2025 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:23PM by Chairman Pavelec.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson
Director
