

**BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting July 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; Nick Fratzke(INRCOG), Vincent Ruggiere(INRCOG)

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

Korman moved to accept the minutes from the June 4, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Spowart and approved unanimously.

**Cedar River Water Trail Plan – INRCOG:** Nick Fratzke and Vincent Ruggiere with INRCOG were again in attendance to discuss partnering on a Cedar River Water Trail Plan through Bremer County. The IA DNR will not need a prequalification application, and has verbally agreed to assist with a landowner survey. No action taken in regards to signing a formal resolution with INRCOG to assist with the landowner survey and public engagement.

**Misc. Correspondence and Announcements:** The ICCS Fall Conference is scheduled for Sept 16-18 in Dickinson and Clay counties. Hockenson, Snyder, and Spowart plan to attend. Ten Wasp Brewery will be putting on a nature trivia with Naturalist Liz Wilgenbush assisting, and is featuring Bremer County Conservation as the Sumner Community Causes organization for the month of July.

**Area Reports and Updates:**

- **Parks:** One estimates has been received for replacing hail damaged metal roofing on the shop, shower building, and both open shelters at Cedar Bend. The estimate also included replacing metal siding and roofing on the shop that were not included in the adjusters estimates. With plans of constructing a cabin at the west shelter site, the Board elected to not replace the metal roof on that structure.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Preliminary estimates for completing the forestry practices on stands 1,2,3, &10 at Island Access were provided by the District Forester. These estimates are close to the minimum request needed for the Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program application. Access to sites 1 & 2 are limited, which may require constructing a driveway on the west side of the river or increasing the number of acres on stand 3.

- **Other Areas:** The location and usage of the open shelter at Ingawanis Woodland was discussed. Hockenson provided a few locations near Eagle Lodge where the open shelter could potentially be moved for better usage. At this time, the Board felt other projects were of greater priority, and would like to see a pollinator planting around the shelter.

**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 also is continuing to take pictures of parks and updating the website. Picnic in the Parks have wrapped up, with summer camps beginning in July. There was a motion by Sanderman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Snyder. All approved

**Open Discussion:** REAP meeting will be planned for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM, with the Conservation Board meeting to follow. August 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting to review the long-range plan.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM August 6, 2025 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hockenson  
Director

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

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