

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting June 4, 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; Liz Wilgenbusch, Naturalist; Dick Harms, Nick Fratzke(INRCOG), Vincent Ruggiere(INRCOG)

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM by Chairman Pavelec.

Sanderman moved to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Korman and approved unanimously.

Cedar River Water Trail Plan – INRCOG: Nick Fratzke and Vincent Ruggiere with INRCOG were in attendance to discuss partnering on a Cedar River Water Trail Plan through Bremer County. No action taken during the June meeting.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: The Board of Supervisors would like to have a joint meeting with members of our Board in August or September to discuss budgeting and long-range planning. A review and update session of the Bremer County Conservation Plan will take place prior to meeting with the Board of Supervisors. The Bremer County Supervisors are planning a department head meeting on June 18th at Eagle Lodge.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** The boat ramp and bank stabilization project at North Cedar Park has been completed. An extra 10ft. of concrete needed to be poured to accommodate a shortfall after pushing the ramp the desired distance into the river. Hockenson will begin gathering paperwork for submittal of final grant reimbursement.

The concrete floor at the Cedar Bend shop is finishing up. The county insurance provider will be covering costs of replacing the metal roofing of the shop, shower building, and both shelters at Cedar Bend Park due to hail damage.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The Wapsie Island Access Forest Stewardship Plan was reviewed. To continue with the planned forest management activities timeline, stands 1,2, a portion of 3, and 10 are next in order. Stand 10 would consist of a crop tree release management, while the other stands would be a

clear cut. These forestry practices may be eligible for financial assistance through the Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program.

- **Other Areas:** With funding assistance from the Bremer County Pheasants Forever Chapter, the 35-acre former pasture on the Frahm parcel will be converted to a native prairie grass/flower mix. Board members agreed to allow cattle to graze the area until July 15 to help keep vegetation short. Once removed, remaining vegetation will be killed and then the area seeded in November or next spring.

Naturalist Report: The combined Naturalist report was reviewed. Liz was in attendance to introduce herself and answer any questions. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Liz put on a bee program at Ten Wasp Brewery. She is also taking pictures of parks and updating the website. Angie and Liz are working on organizing supplies and gearing up for camps, picnics, and field trips season. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Snyder. All approved

Open Discussion: The disc golf baskets are all up. Volunteers have helped lay out 12 tee pads. Touring the parks with members who can attend will be June 6th at 1:00PM.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM July 2, 2025 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson
Director
