

**BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting March 5, 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

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

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

**Misc. Correspondence and Announcements:** Hockenson provided legislative updates. FY 2026 Budget updates were also provided, which included Board of Supervisor approval for money put toward the Cedar Bend cabin.

**Area Reports and Updates:**

- **Parks:** The Board discussed the North Cedar boat ramp and Cedar Bend river access projects. The Board gave direction to acquire estimates for both projects to be reviewed at the April meeting. Adding concrete to the floor at the Cedar Bend shop was also discussed.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Staff members are finishing tree/shrub removal in the targeted area of Brase Access along the Wapsie River Greenbelt. Spring burns are planned for portions of Brase, Hay, and Buhr Accesses in preparation for an updated survey in those areas.

- **Other Areas:** Members of the new Cedar Valley Habitat Partnership, which include Hawkeye Community College, Black Hawk, Benton, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, and Grundy County Conservation Boards met virtually to discuss having a work day in each county to target specific projects. First project may be spring tree removal in Black Hawk County. Bremer County project would be planned for the fall at A.F. Miller State Preserve.

**Stump Grinder:** Hockenson presented quotes and specification for a stump grinder attachment for the Bobcat skidsteer. After review, Snyder moved to accept the low bid from BDS Equipment for a Jenkins Iron & Steel full swing grinder. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

**FY 2023/24 Annual Report:** Hockenson presented the fiscal year 2023/24 annual report. Korman moved to accept the annual report as presented. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously. Hockenson will submit the report to the Board of Supervisors.

**Naturalist Report:** The combined Naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Liz posted a March Mammal Madness competition on our Facebook page. She also conducted several programs on her own and some with Angie. Angie has returned back to work full-time, and has spent time in the office going through files and conducting programs. There was a motion by Snyder to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Spowart. All approved

**Open Discussion:** The Bremer County Nature Alliance Banquet is scheduled for March 29 at Wartburg.

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

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

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson  
Director

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