

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting October 1, 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.

Sanderman moved to accept the minutes from the September 3, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Hockenson will be putting on a Hunter Ed Field Day course on October 14 at Eagle Lodge. The Bremer County Comprehensive Plan update sessions will be held at our office. Hockenson met with an Environmental Specialist with the DNR for an unofficial inspection of park wells. It was suggested to raise the well casings at North Cedar and Alcock to a height above flood levels. Spowart and Hockenson provided fall conference updates.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Fund balances were provided for the cabin project. A percolation test has been done for the cabin septic. The BCNA will post the cabin on their donation page.

- **Wildlife Areas:** The Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership grant was discussed. Grant proposal deadline is October 17th. Spowart made a motion to apply for the Iowa Forest Resiliency Grant. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

The Cedar Valley Habitat Crew will be working at Brewer Access on October 22 removing river birch and other trees growing in the prairie. Staff members have begun mowing firebreaks at Cedar River Wildlife Area, Plum Creek, Brewer Access, and Ringneck.

- **Other Areas:** The Conservation Corps of Minnesota & Iowa (CCMI) will be working in the A.F. Miller Preserve November 17-20. They plan to stay at Eagle Lodge during their work week. Students from Upper Iowa University assisted with preparatory work leading up to the arrival of the CCMI crew.

The uneven section of asphalt on the Grump Trail was discussed. Blacktop Service Co. provided an estimate for trail repairs. After reviewing the estimate and work to be performed, Korman made a

motion to accept the estimate from Blacktop Service Co. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

Naturalist Report: The combined Naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Both are conducting back to school programs and finishing with scheduling. They are also working on costumes and skits for the Halloween Hikes. There was a motion by Snyder to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Spowart. All approved

Open Discussion: none

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM November 5, 2025 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:00PM by Chairman Pavelec.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson
Director
