

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting September 3, 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 (virtually)

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Angela Auel, Naturalist

Meeting called to order at 5:03PM by Chairman Pavelec.

Korman moved to accept the minutes from the August 6, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Sanderman moved to accept the minutes from the August 12, 2025 special meeting. Seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: The Bremer County Comprehensive Plan will be updated in 2026. Hockenson will be part of the plan update task force. Conservation Board members are welcome to assist as well if interested. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) would like to meet with any available Board members in October to talk about capital projects/purchases and the upcoming budget session.

Bremer County Conservation Board Long Range Plan Updates: Snyder moved to accept the revised Bremer County Conservation Long Range Plan. Sanderman seconded the motion. All Approved.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Hockenson provided an update after meeting with the BOS. They would like to see the cabin project moving forward. After reviewing donations received, budgeted capital expenditures, other fund balances, and potential grant opportunities, Sanderman made a motion to move forward with a septic percolation test and updated plans. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Dave Rader, cattle pasture lease tenant, has requested grazing on the leased land beyond the term agreement. With the cattle not have been on the property this season, Korman made a motion to allow grazing until September 30. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

- **Other Areas:** With wet conditions throughout the summer, working conditions for the Conservation Corps of Minnesota & Iowa (CCMI) in the A.F. Miller Preserve will be very challenging for

the September 29-October 2 scheduled work days. The crew has an alternate date of November 17-20. After looking at the current conditions of the site, the recommendation is to move the dates to November and offer Eagle Lodge as a place for the crew to stay, since North Woods Park will be closed at that time.

An uneven section of asphalt on the Grump Trail was discussed. The County Engineer has looked at the section and offered repair recommendations. Hockenson is also meeting with a contractor in the coming days.

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 has been updating websites and posting on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Angie is scheduling school year programs and planning for the Halloween Hike on October 27. There was a motion by Sanderman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Snyder. All approved

Open Discussion: All of the disc golf tee pads have been poured. Area disc golf league members are planning a night glow round of golf at North Woods on September 5.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM October 1, 2025 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:26PM by Chairman Pavelec.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman

Andrew Hockenson
Director
