

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting April 1, 2026
Conservation Board Office
1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

Members Present: Patty Spowart, Chair; Mandie Sanderman, Vice Chair, Stacey Snyder, Kevin Korman, and Scott Whitcome

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Mike Stevens

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

Sanderman moved and Snyder second approval of agenda - approved unanimously

Korman moved to accept the minutes from the March 4, 2026 regular meeting. Seconded by Sanderman - approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Bremer County Historical Society is hosting a Passport to the Past 250th Celebration Activity. Participants will be completing activities around the county including stamping a passport of sites visited, which may include Alcock Park, North Woods Parks, and Warren Township Cemetery.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** The Bremer County Nature Alliance is matching \$6,200 toward the cabin project from donations received since the banquet.

The exterior steel replacement on the Cedar Bend shop, shower building roof, and east shelter roof is nearly complete. The electric meter and service panel in the shop have been moved to better locations on the building. The ridge cap on the county farm building will soon be replaced as well.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Burns have been completed on the west 48 acres at Brase Access, 20 acres at Brewer Access, and 31 acres at Frahm Access. Other areas are planned for burns if weather and time allow.

Bids were reviewed for clearing brush at Ringneck Wildlife Area in cooperation with the Bremer County Pheasants Forever Chapter. Snyder made a motion to accept the low bid from Hawkeye Farm Services. The motion was seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

- **Other:** Estimates were reviewed for the tee markers and course layout signs for the North Woods disc golf course. Korman made a motion to accept the low estimate from IA Prison Industries. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Naturalist Report: The combined Naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Both Liz and Angie attended the IAN Conference in Polk County. Liz assisted with the Sandhill Crane and Prairie Chicken bus trip with Buchanan and Benton County Conservations. Angie is scheduling summer programs and sent out the spring newsletter. The Bremer County website is in the process of being updated. Both Angie and Liz have been making changes to our pages. There was a motion by Snyder to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Sanderman. All approved

Open Discussion: Hockenson mentioned a potential tile line issue at Bark Access. A tour of Bremer County areas is scheduled for April 21 at 1:00PM. All members and Board of Supervisors are invited to attend.

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

Next meeting Tuesday 7:00PM May 5, 2026 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:05PM by Chairman Spowart.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Hockenson
Director

Approved: Patty Spowart, Chairman
