

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting May 5, 2026
Conservation Board Office
1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

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

Members Absent: Stacey Snyder

Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director

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

Sanderman moved and Whitcome second approval of agenda - approved unanimously

Korman moved to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2026 regular meeting. Seconded by Sanderman - approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Hockenson provided an update on the budget approval, which included the purchase of a new pickup. Health insurance line items are moving to another fund and will no longer be included in the Conservation Department budget. The REAP Assembly for this region is scheduled for June 17 from 3-5PM. Parks were toured with Whitcome, Korman, and Bob Brunkhorst.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** All parks are open for the season as of Friday May 1.

Hockenson provided an estimate to coat the shower building stall walls and floors with a more permanent coating that would require much less maintenance. With only one quote at meeting time, no action was taken. An additional quote will be discussed at the June meeting.

The Board discussed a timeline for the cabin project at Cedar Bend. The Board would like to advertise for bids after the June meeting. Sealed bids would be opened with a public hearing at the beginning of the July meeting. Construction would then begin in the fall.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Burns have been completed on the new prairie on the north end of Plum Creek, as well as Warren Township Cemetery and Wartburg's Lageschulte Prairie.

- **Other:**

FY 27 Wages: After discussion, Sanderman made a motion to approve wages for full and part time employees as budgeted for in the new fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Whitcome and approved unanimously.

Naturalist Report: The combined Naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Liz helped with the BCNA adopt – a highway cleanup. Both her and Angie attended a NE Iowa Naturalist meeting in Clayton County. She hosted a chia pet making class at Ten Wasp Brewing. Angie is preparing for the upcoming 5th Grade Field Day. She also hosted the annual crane count, and will be conducting the Frog and Toad survey. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Sanderman. All approved

Open Discussion: none

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

Next meeting Wednesday 7:00PM June 3, 2026 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:14PM by Chairman Spowart.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Hockenson
Director

Approved: Patty Spowart, Chairman
