

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Conservation Board Office

1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

Members Present: Mandie Sanderman, Chair; Larry Pavelec, Vice Chair; Richard Harms, Stacey Snyder and Kevin Korman

Members Absent: Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Kip Ladage

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

Pavelec moved to accept the minutes from the November 2, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Andy Hockenson (5 yrs.), Michael Weidemann (15 yrs.), and Dave Steere (15 yrs.) will be presented certificates for their years of service during a county employee recognition ceremony at the courthouse. The Bremer County Nature Alliance raised \$275 for trees at Alcock. Hockenson reported the MOTUS tower is up, the electric line to the west Alcock shelter has been run underground, and a large hollow cottonwood log has been set at the North Woods playscape.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Hockenson gathered pricing on a set of metal steps for the Alcock Park cable walk bridge. Plainfield Welding and Grosse Steel provided options based off on site measurements, while other online vendors had prefabricated stair units with similar dimensions. After comparing prices, delivery, and specifications, Korman made a motion to proceed with the low bid of \$4,900 from Plainfield Welding. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Allen Blasberg, again after filling out the permit application, was given permission to drive along the trail through the Wapsie River Greenbelt Island Access to reach his property.

- **Other Areas:** Some areas are needing new entrance signs. Staff members will work on designing metal signs options to replace the wooden ones for Board consideration.

No additional estimates have been received for repairing the Grump Trail Crane Creek bridge pillars.

Cedar Bend-Waverly Wayfinding Sign Placement: The City of Waverly is requesting permission to place a new Wartburg Sports Complex wayfinding sign with the existing Cedar Bend sign on Hwy 3. This is the recommendation from the IA DOT. The two signs would be on one pole in the current location. The city will supply the new post and take care of installation, with both signs having good visibility. After discussion, Pavelec moved to grant permission for placing the signs together. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report: The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Several updates were made to the Facebook and Instagram pages, including advertising for the wreath making program. Heather and Angie accepted a donation of cross-country ski equipment from Waverly Shell Rock. They also hosted a Northeast IA Naturalist meeting at Eagle Lodge. Heather did many BCNA related tasks including updating the bank information in preparation for potential Giving Tuesday donations. There was a motion by Korman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Pavelec and approved unanimously.

Recycling Educator/Naturalist Report: The recycling educator/naturalist report was then reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Angie attended the IAN Fall Workshop in Muscatine County, attended the BCNA meeting, and continues taking care of the composting worms. There was a motion by Harms to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

Open Discussion: Harms commented on his conversation with residents of Plainfield asking about a hard surface trail around Plainfield Lake. Ladage provided an update from the December 6th Navigator Heartland CO2 pipeline public hearing.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM January 4, 2023 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Sanderman at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hockenson
Director

Approved: Mandie Sanderman, Chairman
