

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting

February 1, 2023

Conservation Board Office

1104 South Main Street Tripoli, IA 50676

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

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Andrew Hockenson, Director; Kip Ladage, Mike Stevens

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

Korman moved to accept the minutes from the January 4, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Seconded by Sanderman and approved unanimously.

Misc. Correspondence and Announcements: Hockenson discussed presenting the budget to the Board of Supervisors along with Harms, Pavelec, and Korman. An update on the Winterfest Conference was provided. Hunter Ed is being taught to Tripoli 6th and 7th graders again this year.

Area Reports and Updates:

- **Parks:** Discussion on a cabin at Cedar Bend park continued, with Mike Stevens, President of the Bremer County Nature Alliance in attendance. Fundraising for the cabin was a topic of discussion, along with any updates/changes to the floor plan. Sanderman mentioned looking into a solar power option as the project moves along.

- **Wildlife Areas:** Staff members continue working on firewood in the parks and removing dead/damaged trees along park trails. As conditions allow, brush cutting will also take place in the Wapsie River Greenbelt.

- **Other Areas:** Bids were reviewed from Matt Construction and Seehase Concrete Inc. for repairing the Crane Creek bridge pillars on the Readlyn Grump Trail. After discussing the bids and repair plan, Sanderman made a motion to accept the low bid from Matt Construction. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

The Ingawanis Woodland Advisory group is requesting permission to groom the prairie trails at Babcock Woods for cross country skiing. The trails would be groomed in a similar manner as those at Ingawanis Woodland. The Board agreed to the request.

Trailer Replacement: Trailer bids were obtained from Cedar Valley Sales & Storage, Patten Equipment, New Hampton Auto Body & Trailer Sales, and Avalon Trailer Sales to replace the 1991 S&S deck over trailer. After reviewing trailer specs and pricing, Korman made a motion to accept the low bid of an S&S Trailer through Cedar Valley Sales and Storage. The motion was seconded by Snyder and approved unanimously.

EE Coordinator/Naturalist Report: The EE coordinator/naturalist report was reviewed. The report contained recent programs and participant numbers. Many programs were conducted solely this month to several school districts. The annual DNR & USFWS collection permit, and fishing pole report documents were submitted. The newsletter was finalized, printed, and mailed. Several updates were made to the Facebook and Instagram pages. Heather did many BCNA related tasks, and attended different online meetings. There was a motion by Sanderman to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Harms and approved unanimously.

Recycling Educator/Naturalist Report: Angie is recovering for back surgery, and therefore no report was given this month.

Open Discussion: Kip commented the Shell Rock Watershed Management Coalition will be holding a public meeting in March in Nora Springs. He also gave some updates on the proposed carbon pipeline, stating he was told horizontal boring would take place through the Wapsie river crossing. Hockenson is working on paperwork to close out the Alcock Flume Bridge FEMA project, and discussed the county's new weapons on county property policy.

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

Next meeting 7:00 PM March 1, 2023 at the Conservation Board Office in Tripoli.

With no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Pavelec at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hockenson
Director

Approved: Larry Pavelec, Chairman
