

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, July 8th, 2024 8:00 A.M.
Location: Hanson Nature Center, 41600 170th Ave., Hwy 69 N.
Leland, IA

Board Members Present

Tim Missal
Nancy Helm
Julie Hagenson
Mark Flatrud

Board Members Absent

Jeff Schmidt

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz, Director
Chris Barber, Director
Lisa Ralls, Naturalist
Nicole Templeton, Resource Tech

Guests

Tom Heyer

Chairman Missal called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Chris Barber was introduced as the new Executive Director.

The July 8, 2024, meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The June 15, 2024, meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed and there was discussion on the afterhours shooting at the target range.

There was discussion on the Nature Center punch list with no action taken.

A motion was made by Helm and seconded by Flatrud to approve the Premier Concrete warranty terms for the Nature Center. This is a five-year warranty that will cover cracks that WCCB determines to be a tripping hazard. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Updates on donations and donor wall were given.

Events for the Nature Center Grand Opening were discussed. Hagenson and Schmidt will have floats in the Forest City and Lake Mills parades, and Helm is arranging the food and beverages. Rhonda Abele has been hired to clean the Nature Center prior to the event. Staff members will be installing displays, educational materials, and hanging taxidermy prior to the event.

Tom Heyer presented information pertaining to the property insurance for the Tri-County Recreation Association and requested that the board approve the new insurance agreement. Missal made a motion, seconded by Flatrud, to approve the TCRA insurance agreement with the amended terms. Unanimous. Motion carried.

After discussion, Helm made a motion, seconded by Hagenon, to approve the new tractor lease agreement FY2024-2025. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Monthly bills were approved for payment with a motion by Flatrud, seconded by Missal, Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 A.M. with a motion by Missal, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried.