

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, August 12th, 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
Jeff Schmidt

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Chris Barber, Director
Lisa Ralls, Naturalist
Rick Lillie, Nat Resource Mng
Nicole Templeton, Resource Tech

Guests

Rob Patterson IDNR, Tyler Harms IDNR, and Mark Moine from Martin Gardner (via phone)

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

The August 12, 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 Hagenson, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

There was discussion on the Nature Center roof and what to do with the issue of buckling shingles. Mark Moine of Martin Gardner called in and will speak with representatives from the spay foam manufacturer and plywood sheathing manufacturer. He stated that he will continue to investigate the root of the issue to determine a proper course of remediation. Mark also stated that since the issue was documented prior to the expiration of the building's workmanship warranty on November 2nd, 2024, that any roofing issues would be covered even if the repair work is performed after the warranty period ends.

An update was given on the concrete warranty. Premier Concrete agreed to the terms that WCCB will determine what is considered a tripping hazard resulting from cracks in the concrete.

Rob Patterson and Tyler Harms presented information pertaining to a possible cooperative grazing agreement. The DNR is to supply the fencing and handle the grazing contracts with the cattle producers. An updated agreement will be sent for possible approval at the September meeting.

The board signed the updated TCRA lease.

There was discussion on the need to replace the Polaris Ranger and slip in fire suppression unit. The board requested bids be taken and to research possible funding sources.

The need for future nature center exhibits was discussed. Robin McCumber was to begin the installation of the wetland exhibit.

There was a discussion on a drainage district issue at Walker Prairie. The board recommended to see if the new tile line could be installed to the west of the existing grove of trees to reduce costs.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M. with a motion by Helm, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.