

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 9th, 2024 8:00 A.M.

Location: Hanson Nature Center, 41600 170<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hwy 69 N.  
Leland, IA

### Board Members Present

Jeff Schmidt  
Nancy Helm  
Julie Hagenson  
Mark Flatrud

### Board Members Absent

Tim Missal

### Staff Present

Chris Barber, Director  
Nicole Templeton, Resource Tech.

### Guests

None

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

The September 9th, 2024, meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The August 12th, 2024, meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Director Barber discussed plans for partnering with The Corner Pumpkin Patch on a fall festival event. He also discussed the donation of the Rassmussen fossil collection.

There was discussion on the remaining items from the building punch list including the electrical panel door and the cracked drywall by the elevator. Follow-up will be conducted.

The board discussed acquiring an AED for the nature center.

The board reviewed the final cooperative grazing agreement with the IA DNR. Motion to approve by Helm, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The drainage issue at Walker prairie was discussed. Board will wait for more information from NRCS before further consideration.

There was discussion on the bids for a new Ranger and fire unit. We will continue to search for additional funding sources to help cover some of the cost of new units.

Weekend cabin rental and shooting range permit policies were discussed. Board approved to amend the policy to prohibit Sunday check-ins and Friday & Saturday nights must be reserved together. Motion by Schmidt, second by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried. Board

approved change all shooting range permits to run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Helm, second by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

There was discussion on hiring Robin McCumber to work with the staff to develop a master plan for nature center exhibits. Funding will be requested from the Foundation Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 A.M. with a motion by Hagenson, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried.