

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 8:00 A.M.

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

### Board Members Present

Tim Missal

Julie Hagenson

Mark Flatrud

### Board Members Absent

Jeff Schmidt

Nancy Helm

### Staff Present

Chris Barber, Director

Lisa Ralls, Naturalist

### Guests

None

Chairman Missal called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

The November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Hagenson, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Flatrud, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Director Barber presented the board with an update on the drainage issue and restoration of Walker Prairie.

Barber updated the board on the status of the water level of Ambrosion ponds and future monitoring plans.

The board recapped the Fall Fest event held at the nature center in October. It was discussed that a second hayrack may be necessary for next year's event.

There was discussion pertaining to the property insurance coverage for the county owned buildings at Tri-County Recreation Area. Missal discussed how their inclusion into the county policy would not affect other county entities. There was also discussion on the importance of making sure the Auditor's office is directly informed on future decisions and policy changes that involve that office.

After a discussion pertaining to the necessity of each WCCB position to utilize a cell phone, a motion was made by Missal, seconded by Flatrud, to write a letter of support for the reimbursement of individual employee's cell phone bills in order to comply with the Winnebago County Employee Handbook. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hagenon, and seconded by Flatrud to enter into an annual service agreement with Schumacher Elevator Company which will include maintenance and required state inspections. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Following a discussion on the procedures for paying of monthly claims, a motion was made by Missal, seconded by Hagenon, to allow the director to process and sign recurring monthly bills to ensure their timely payment. In addition, monthly credit card bills can be paid once the statements have been emailed to the board. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 A.M. with a motion by Flatrud, seconded by Hagenon. Unanimous. Motion carried.