WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, December 9th, 2024 8:00 A.M. Location: Hanson Nature Center, 41600 170th Ave., Hwy 69 N. Leland, IA

Board Members Present Tim Missal Julie Hagenson Mark Flatrud Nancy Helm Board Members Absent Jeff Schmidt <u>Staff Present</u> Chris Barber, Director Lisa Ralls, Naturalist

<u>Guests</u> None

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

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

The November 12th, 2024, meeting minutes were amended and approved with a motion from Hagenson, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Director Barber presented the board with an update on the NRCS's restoration plans at Walker Prairie.

Barber presented the board with a list of upcoming winter projects.

The board discussed the 2025 crop leases and determined they would be renewed in the summer.

Following discussion, Missal made a motion, seconded by Flatrud, to pay the annual installment for the skid loader utilizing as many funds from the General Basic as possible with the remainder of the funds coming from the Conservation Trust Fund and REAP Funds.

The board reviewed and signed the letter approving cell phone reimbursement for all WCCB positions.

In Other Business, Director Barber discussed the recent information that WCCB did not qualify for the 22 cents per thousand spending requirement for the 2024 per capita REAP payment. Barber stated that he will continue to investigate this situation to see if we did qualify or how to get qualified for 2025.

Monthly claims were approved for payment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 A.M. with a motion by Helm, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.