

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 10th 2025 8:00 A.M.

Location: Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave.

Forest City, IA

Board Members Present

Tim Missal

Julie Hagenson

Mark Flatrud

Nancy Helm

Jeff Schmid

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Chris Barber, Director

Lisa Ralls, Naturalist

Rick Lillie, Nat Rsc Mngr

Nicole Templeton, Nat Rscs Tech

Guests

None

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

The February 10th, 2025, meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The January 13th, 2024, meeting minutes were amended and approved with a motion from Missal, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Board members toured the old office facility to evaluate feasibility and needs to convert the building into a rentable cabin. Discussion on the potential plans followed.

The proposed FY25-26 budget was discussed and its impact on possible contracts for roadside weed and brush control.

A motion was made by Helm, seconded by Schmidt, to purchase a new motor/pump for the slide in pickup truck burn unit. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

The board held a discussion on possible fundraising opportunities for the RAGBRAI and WIT Rally events in July.

The board discussed the renewal of crop leases. A motion was made by Missal, and seconded by Flatrud, to forgive the 2024 lease payment on the Quam Wildlife Area due to flood waters preventing a harvestable crop. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Missal, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.