

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 10th 2025 1:00 P.M.

Location: Hanson Nature Center 41600 Hwy 69

Leland, IA 50453

Board Members Present

Tim Missal

Julie Hagenson

Mark Flatrud

Nancy Helm

Jeff Schmidt

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 1:00 P.M.

The March 10th, 2025, meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Missal, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The February 10th, 2024, meeting minutes were amended and approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

FY25-26 budget was reviewed and approved with a motion by Missal, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Following discussion on the conversion of the old Thorpe office to a rentable cabin, a motion was made by Helm, seconded by Hagenson, to allocate \$5,000 as seed money for the project. Unanimous. Motion carried.

There was discussion on possible fundraising ideas during RAGBRAI. We will continue to pursue the renting of towels at the various showering facilities and await further information from the RAGBRAI committee.

Following discussion, there was a motion by Schmidt, seconded by Flatrud, to create a graduation rental special of \$150 for the Hanson Nature Center during the spring of 2025. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The Gruis/Tri-County Rec lease for 2025 was approved with a motion by Missal, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Following a discussion on the renewal of the crop leases at Larson Tweed and Quam, a motion was made by Missal, seconded by Hagenson, to renew the three year lease at the current rental rate. Unanimous. Motion carried.

There was discussion about a possible land swap of the old railway bed portion of C.A. Block wildlife area and the board was in consensus to take no action to pursue the land swap.

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

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