

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 8:00 A.M.

Location: Hanson Nature Center 41600 Hwy 69 Leland, IA 50453

Board Members Present

Julie Hagenson

Nancy Helm

Mark Flatrud

Tim Missal

Board Members Absent

Jeff Schmidt

Staff Present

Chris Barber, Director

Lisa Ralls, Naturalist

Nicole Templeton, Resource Tech.

Guests

Susan Smith, Terry Durby, Dan Ryerson, Karla Weiss

Chairperson Hagenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Missal, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The , October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Missal, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

The board was presented with a review of program and nature center attendance for our 1<sup>st</sup> full year of the center being open.

There was a discussion about grants being pursued through REAP and the Iowa Prairie Network for nature center displays and seeding projects.

An update was given on trying to acquire a disk for fire line construction and food plot tillage. No action was taken and we will continue to pursue other options.

An update on the building repairs was given and information from Martin Gardner Inc. was disseminated to the board.

The board revisited the proposed land swap proposal that would trade 7 acres of wooded railway bed south of C.A. Block for 7 acres of existing farm ground on the northeast corner of Dan Ryerson's field to the east of the rail bed. Dan would pay the cost to have the area restored to prairie. Further information was needed to weigh all options and no action was taken.

Claims were approved for payment with a motion by Helm, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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