

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Annual Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 9th 2026 8:00 A.M.

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

Board Members Present

Tim Missal

Nancy Helm

Mark Flatrud

Julie Hagenson

Jeff Schmidt

Guests

Susan Smith, Terry Durby, and Bill Jensvold

Dan Ryerson

Shad Little and Ryan Keller

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Chris Barber

Lisa Ralls

Rick Lillie

Nicole Templeton

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

The February 9th , 2026 meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Hagenson, seconded by Helm.

The January 12th , 2025 meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Hagenson, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

There was continued discussion on the proposed Ryerson land swap. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that board would wait for an official written proposal before taking any further action.

Following discussion on the 2026 cabin rental rates and policy changes, a motion was made by Helm, seconded by Missal, to set the rental rate at \$80 per weekday and \$100 per weekend with a two night minimum stay and set the pet fee to \$20 per day. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Helm, seconded by Missal, to purchase a grapple bucket attachment for the skid loader from Titan Attachments. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The board entered closed session to discuss staff evaluations and salary recommendations for FY2026-2027 with a motion by Schmidt, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

In other business, Shad Little from Nextera Energy introduced himself and briefly discussed a proposed wind farm in the Lake Mills.

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