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Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 3:00 pm at Flaming Prairie

Board Present: Josh Hardin, Joellen Schantz, Sam Willson, Elizabeth Kling and Shawn Maine

Staff Present: Jacob Ewart, Lana Artz-McComb, Amanda Stallman

Public Present: Jim Rudisill

Meeting called to order: at 3:03 by Maine

1. **Agenda Approval** – Schantz motioned to approve the agenda, Hardin seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – Ewart spoke on behalf of Donnie Lincoln who came in to the LCC office to speak to Ewart about Ferry Landing. Lincoln and a group from Oakville proposed that LCC holds the lease for the area as a government agency from USACE and the group would manage it. Hardin reminds the Board that this subject has come up before and LCCB said no. Willson suggests that there are geographically closer government organizations like the City of Oakville or the levee district that should be approached over the Board. The Board's response is that LCC is understaffed and not able to take on additional responsibilities.
3. **Consent Agenda** – a. There are errors in the August minutes included in the Board packet. Errors will be corrected and the August minutes will be approved in October. b. and c. Hardin motioned to approve the Bills and Financial Report. Willson seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
4. **Approval Annual Report for FY25** – Ewart will present the Annual Report to the Supervisors in two weeks. Ewart gives kudos to Dani Boysen for the spreadsheet details that are included in the annual report. Hardin motioned to approve the annual report, Willson seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
5. **Environmental Education Update** – Welcomes Amanda Stallman to the EE team. Planning for 250 celebration passport project and story walk projects with CJPL and Mell. Mem. Library. Storybook walk at HNT from Morning Sun north to dirt road – Aimee will be writing grant Maybe one at HNT in CB from Fairgrounds through trail. – Mandy has the stuff for it and will be adding into above grant for installation. Invite for assistance at the 8/25/26 Halloween Trick or Treatparking, LCC station. Summer is wrapped up and a full school year of programs has been scheduled along with Fall public programming. Working on grant reports for CFLC 2025 grants and will be writing CFLC 2026 grants including getting new aluminum picnic tables for Langwood and EE supplies.
6. **Maintenance Update** – Ewart reports for Hollingsworth. Completed the shelter at the Langwood Wetland Interpretive Trail. Special thanks to the MidAmerican CARES group for their assistance. Redid the gates at Kuder Lake Access at Indian Slough after landowner reported poaching issues.

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Working on a summer's worth of vehicle/trailer/mower maintenance. Flaming Prairie was open by Labor Day with a successful Labor Day weekend of camping at all campgrounds.

7. Director Update – Mower purchase from 3-year lease in 2026 (current mower)

- JD mower is paid off. First payment in Aug 23, Then Aug 24, Then Aug 25. After which We will buy for \$1 next year
- Current warranty ends August 26 or 1500 hrs, currently at 830
- Mower Purchase 2025
 - The Kubota is coming up due for trade in. We've been having some problems, but nothing too crazy. Toro doesn't have any service centers nearby, but they can send a truck as long as it is a warranty fix. It is nice to have matching mowers for the sake of parts. JD isn't in county, but Muscatine and Mediapolis locations are close (and they've taken care of us in the past) We have paid for with reserve account with ~5,000 of budgeted amount?
- Picnic Planning
 - I will provide pulled pork
 - Board want to bring a dish to share?
 - At Langwood
 - Meeting before @ 4:30
 - Dinner at 5:30
 - Awards/overview at 6:00
 - Friend of Conservation
 - William Parsons
 - Langwood bridge project

8. Release Bids for Mower- see Director Update. Hardin motioned to release bids for Mower. Schantz seconded, Motion passed all ayes.

9. Massey Suit Update – special meeting in closed session needs to be scheduled for an update on litigation. Ewart will ask Lynch-Dallas about Sept 22, preferably in the morning.

10. Adjournment Kling motions, Willson seconds, motion passed all ayes.

Next regular meeting: Monday, Oct. 13, 2025; 4:30 pm followed by the Fall Picnic
Location: Langwood Education Center

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*Louisa County Bylaws regarding voting by the Chair/Acting Chair:

According to Article II, number 2.4 of the Louisa County Conservation Board Bylaws, "At all meetings that a full quorum is present, the board chair does not vote except to break a tie. In a three-member quorum, all persons present cast a vote."