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LOUISA COUNTY  
CONSERVATION



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## **Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 4:30 pm at Langwood Education Center

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

**Staff Present:** Jacob Ewart, Lana Artz-McComb, Tanner Hollingsworth

**Public Present:** Jim Rudisill, Doug and Kim Brown

**Meeting called to order:** at 4:30 by Maine

1. **Agenda Approval** – Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Kling seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Consent Agenda** – Wilson motioned to approve, Hardin seconded. Motion passed all ayes
4. **Environmental Education Update** – Successful fall field trips at LW, CB, VG, and BSM plus burning at LM Elementary, seed collecting at Wilson's and Starr's Cave. Thanks to Elizabeth for being guest naturalist for Roundy K's field trip. Kent Worldwide did seed collecting at LW. Two aluminum picnic tables (accessible) arrived to finish out the Prairie Outdoor Classroom grant. Grant submitted for 9 more through TRCF. LCC submitted a CFLC grant for supplies for large group education. Successful Full Moon Float and Halloween Hike is coming up.
5. **Maintenance Update** – camping has slowed with a handful every weekend. Water is being turned off this week. Worked on cleanup areas for hunting – Baird Timber, Indian Slough, VG. Mulching around blinds, trail cleanup. 7 accessibility permit locks installed. 1<sup>st</sup> phase of VG pond project is complete – clearing and spraying dam. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase- solar aerator this fall and 3<sup>rd</sup> – rocks this spring.
6. **Director Update** – Chatting with Joe Fourdyce about potential of closing Flaming Prairie Campground from after Labor Day to Memorial Day. It would alleviate the need for staff to drive 45 mins to check the campground while opening the wetland area up for hunting. The idea would be to start this next Fall (2026).
7. **Massey Suit Update** – no updates
8. **Open and Accept Bids for Mower-** John Deere was only bidder. Opened and discussed the 4 bid options provided by John Deere.

Hardin made a motion to accept the 3 year lease rotation on 1 mower, no trade in for the Kubota (kept as backup), with the 1500 hr Powerguard 36 month plan. Schantz seconded.

Discussion – Willson discussed the pros/cons of a lease with potential budget cuts happening. Ewart clarifies that there is an option to buy outright if cuts happen. Could buy outright but it would rock Reserve account.

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Vote by Roll Call – Kling Yes, Schantz Yes, Hardin Yes, Willson No, Maine No. Motion Carries.

- 9. Release bids to sell 6 kayaks, kayak trailer, and 1 aluminum canoe-** These are surplus items, sold as is by sealed bid. Items sold individually. Opportunity to view them at the Complex between 9 am – 3 pm or by appointment. Option to increase bid if present, in person, at the November meeting.

Hardin motioned to approve the release of bids for 6 kayaks, kayak trailer, 1 aluminum canoe.  
Kling seconds, motion passed all ayes.

- 10. Review and Accept Board Member Position Description –** Hardin’s seat is open at the end of Dec 2025. No changes in application. Ewart will post via Susan.

- 11. Adjournment 5:18 pm** Hardin motions, Schantz seconds, motion passed all ayes.

**Next regular meeting: November 3, 3:00 pm, Louisa County Complex**

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Chair

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Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved

*Chair – Shawn Maine*

*Vice-chair – Joellen Schantz*

*Secretary/Treasurer – Elizabeth Kling*

\*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.”*