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Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Agenda

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the LCC Maintenance Shop

Board Present: Josh Hardin, Joellen Schantz, and Shawn Maine

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

Public Present: Jim Rudisill, Brett Shafer

Meeting called to order: at 3:04 by Maine

1. **Agenda Approval** – Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Consent Agenda** – Schantz motioned to approve, Hardin seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
4. **Open and possible approval of bids for shop repairs** – two bids received, one from Shafer Construction and one from Evolve Contracting. Shafer's low bid included shop roof, siding, gutters, and door repair. Timeline would be ~2 weeks commencing in July or August with notice for Hollingsworth and Ewart to move shelves on the cold side of the shop.

Hardin motioned to accept the bid from Shafer Construction in its entirety at \$22,610. Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.

5. **Environmental Education Update** – Finished field trip season – 113 field trips and classroom programs including every PreK-6th grade classroom in Louisa County at least twice. We serve ~1,100 kids in Louisa County Schools plus saw an additional 200 from other counties/homeschool. Jamboree on June 7, River Days on June 14 – River Olympics \$500. Kids Nature Pack and Adults weekend at Langwood. Completed our CFLC and Schlutz grant expenditures. Will get a MidAmerican Cares date scheduled for constructing the Prairie Outdoor Classroom shelter. Camp is underway! We have a total of 4 kids attending camp on scholarship through TRCF this summer. We are also doing weekly programs with every library in the county to continue to have a presence in the community.
6. **Maintenance Update** – mulching the trails from the pond to maebus at Virginia grove, deck repair at Chinkapin Bluffs after someone kicked out the railings on the new overlook. Burned the west prairie at Eden with TNC. Worked with the frisbee golf people on installation prep and plan to do the final installation at the end of June. Mason Cooley started as the 3 month mowing seasonal.
7. **Director Update** – Completed the \$0 amendment with the courthouse to account for grant revenue and expenses. The Naturalist Technician job goes out on the paper on Thursday and will be posted on MyCountyParks and Facebook etc. Planning on interviews towards the end of June and starting the first weeks of July.

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8. **Eden Park shelter update.** Schantz reported on waiting on quotes. Discussion on sourcing materials locally and self-construction or getting quotes for construction. All depends on what estimates are.
9. **Next regular meeting: Monday, July 7, 2025; 3:00 pm**
Location: Virginia Grove Recreation Area
Weather backup: LCC Office
10. **Adjournment 3:25pm.** Hardin motions, Schantz seconds, motion passed all ayes.

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

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.”