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Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Agenda

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the LCC Maintenance Shop

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

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

Public Present: Jim Rudisill

Meeting called to order: at 3:02 by Maine

1. **Agenda Approval** – Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Consent Agenda** – Willson motioned to approve, Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
4. **Environmental Education Update** – LCC has seen record attendance at the weekly summer library programs at Morning Sun, CJ, and Wapello. 353 kids in the month of June! We are halfway through summer nature day camps plus one of the overnight paddling camps. The EE team worked on finishing out our grant expenditures in June including concrete at Langwood, EE accessibility supplies, and a 3rd aquatic education dock to be installed at Langwood. We are excited for the construction of the prairie outdoor classroom shelter in late August with the MidAmerican Cares Team to finish out the TRCF/Carver Foundation Grant. Spotlight on the partnerships for the camp for Visually Impaired/Blind students. Camp was held the third week of June and culminated in everyone paddling from the Inlet Tubes to Snively. Thank you to Chad and Lori Brown with the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired for co-operating the camp plus DMCCB and MCCB for hosting and helping us on our field trips to Starrs Cave and Discovery Park/Deep Lakes Park. Kudos to Brelynn Randall and Emily Hemphill for being wonderful seasonals who need very little direction and are incredibly efficient at completing tasks! Emily's last day will be July 30 as she returns to Mt Mercy for volleyball. Bre and I will finish out the last week of camps in early August.
5. **Maintenance Update** – Installed the 9 interpretive panels at Wilson's Prairie. Finished the disc golf course at Eden Park. Users and reviews are listed within the Udisc App allowing for an idea of who is visiting the disc golf course. There's potential for growth including concrete pads at the holes and adding 9 more holes so tournaments can be held. Snively was packed over the 4th.
6. **Director Update** – Letter of acceptance from Amanda Stallman for the Naturalist Technician position-Can start mid to late august

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Shop roof and siding not done, and haven't heard in awhile, but we're prepped and ready. July 10 @ 2:30 (thur) we are meeting at wilson to have a party for signs. Not mowing the Complex has added 6-8 hours that can be used elsewhere. Disc golf is totally installed – 8 unique visitors. Memorial benches are all done (and signs w/ trees). Indian slough – we are going to be doing some work to try and get it to hold more water. For now, just little projects, but I want to pursue nawca grant to help big project there. Partnering with Delta Waterfowl.

Maine discussed a visit to the Virginia Grove Schoolhouse – it needs a lot of work. Discussion on potentially turning it into a rentable cabin (primitive? Partially primitive?) Work on securing money to preserve it for awhile. REAP grant may be an option for restoration but not for turning it into a rentable cabin.

Schantz and Artz-McComb discussed the LRSWA-LCCB agreement for education programs and if it will fit into the new permanent staff schedules. Both will check in on requirements and discuss.

Next regular meeting: Monday, August 4, 2025; 3:00 pm

Location: Snively Campground

Weather backup: LCC Office

7. Adjournment 3:27 pm. 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."