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## Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 3:00 pm at Snively Campground

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

**Staff Present:** Jacob Ewart, 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** – Shantz motioned to approve consent agenda, Willson seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
4. **Environmental Education Update** – In Lana's absence, Jacob reported this week is the final week of summer camp. July was extremely busy with both overnight paddling camps (Louisa County and Upper Iowa River) plus finishing strong with continued amazing attendance at Summer Library Programs and programs at the Fair. Emily Hemphill's last day was July 30th and Bre will be done this week on Aug 6th. Jacob will be stepping in as guest naturalist for the last two days of camp. LCC hosts Hunter Ed on Thurs and Saturday this week at the Complex. Conservation still has a plan to construct the Prairie Outdoor Classroom Shelter with MidAmerican Cares volunteers on Aug 20th, weather permitting. Lana will be spending August getting the office areas organized after summer madness and doing the administrative preparation work before scheduling with all schools during teacher in-services.
5. **Maintenance Update** – Hollingsworth reported everything was going well in the parks. After 4<sup>th</sup> of July, camping slowed, but still had good numbers. With all the flooding happening, he needed to close Indian Slough and Flaming Prairie. Additional flooding damage happened at Hoover Nature Trail in Columbus Junction near the fairgrounds and washed away some of the trail. More maintenance will be needed on the trail and in the ditch/culverts. Business as usual.
6. **Director Update** – Ewart reported about this fiscal year's maintenance goals and plans. More emphasis on natural resources conservation while still balancing the money making aspect of campgrounds/parks, Rock everywhere, Eden shelter and picnic area, HWY 61 access planning, redoing trail signage at most/all parks and update maps, talking about long term Langwood plans, increase burning, Virginia grove and Snively bathroom renovations, do better spraying at playgrounds and trails, Clean up curb appeal at shop and making a plan for Virginia grove schoolhouse

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**Next regular meeting: Monday, Sept. 6, 2025; 3:00 pm**

**Location: Flaming Prairie**

Weather backup: LCC Office

**7. Adjournment** Hardin motions, Kling seconds, motion passed all ayes.

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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.”*