

Black Hawk County Conservation Board Minutes

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board met on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 1346 West Airline Highway, Waterloo, IA and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Jenny Murphy, President, at 5:00 PM.

Roll call members present: Josh Balk, Terri Rogers, Mike Bonser & Jenny Murphy.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Staff Present:

Mike Hendrickson, Executive Director
Cherrie Northrup, Planning Administrator
Troy Petersen, Ranger III

Nikki Koelling, Office Manager
Karl Kozak, North Unit Ranger
Jim Weimer, Wildlife Conservationist II

AGENDA

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Bonser to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Balk, seconded by Bonser to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2025, board meeting. Motion Carried.

BILLS

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Balk to approve the bills submitted. Motion Carried.

VISITORS

Michelle Weidner, BHC Finance Director

Heather Prendergast, Assistant County Attorney

VISITOR(S) CONCERNS:

None.

RESOLUTION: CASEY LAKE DOCK BIDS – Cherrie Northrup

Motion by Balk, seconded by Rogers to move the following resolution:

Black Hawk County Conservation Board accepts and approves the bid by TWR Dock & Marine for installation of 2 boat docks and a kayak/canoe launch at Hickory Hills Park, in the amount of \$39,676.24 and award contract upon receipt of all required documents.

AYES: Balk, Bonser, Murphy, Rogers.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION: CASEY LAKE FISHING DOCK BIDS – Cherrie Northrup

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Bonser, to move the following resolution:

Black Hawk County Conservation Board accepts and approves the bid by DuraDock for installation of a fishing dock at Hickory Hills Park, in the amount of \$56,500.00 and award contract upon receipt of all required documents.

AYES: Bonser, Murphy, Rogers, Balk.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION: MOU WITH INRCOG FOR SRT GRANT APPLICATION – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by Bonser, seconded by Rogers to move the following resolution:

Black Hawk County Conservation Board authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Iowa Northland Council of Governments for grant writing services with a cost of \$2,000 for a State Recreational Trail Grant Application for the Replacement of L1 Bridge on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and authorizes the Executive Director to sign the same.

AYES: Murphy, Rogers, Balk, Bonser.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – *Jim Weimer*

Staff have been busy with forest management at Black Hawk Park & Hartman Reserve and have been interviewing candidates for the Natural Resource Intern position. Staff will be transitioning to planting & prairie burn season.

UNIT RANGER REPORTS – *Karl Kozak*

North Unit:

Staff have been busy with park maintenance and have been interviewing candidates for summer seasonal positions. The campgrounds will open on April 1st.

South Unit:

Staff have been busy with park maintenance, splitting firewood and clearing brush along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail fence line. Casey Lake is starting to fill with water! A written report was submitted.

NATURE CENTER REPORT – *Amy Davison*

A written report was submitted.

DIRECTORS REPORT – *Mike Hendrickson*

The Big Woods Lake Joint Board meeting will be held on April 3, 2025. A written report was submitted.

ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

Jenny Murphy had suggestions regarding the restocking of Casey Lake, questions about the disc golf at Hickory Hills Park & the timeline of the construction on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Bonser to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Adjourned 5:33 PM.

NICHOLE KOELLING

DATE