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Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the Conservation Office

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

Staff Present: Jacob Ewart, Lana Artz-McComb

Public Present: Jim Rudisill, Jason Unternahrer, Randy Schlutz, Randy Smith , Brian Thye

Meeting called to order: at 3:00 by Maine

1. **Agenda Approval** – Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Kling seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Consent Agenda** – Schantz motioned to approve, Willson seconded. Motion passed all ayes
4. **Open and Approve Bids for Various Equipment** – Ewart reports that bidding closed at noon, he opened the bids at 12:30 pm to compile them.

County Items:

- 300 gal fuel barrel –\$100 Randy Schlutz
- Mower - \$275 Randy Smith
- 500 gal fuel barrel – bids upped in the room ending with Brian Thye at \$225
- LP Tank – bids upped in the room ending with Brian Thye \$275

Conservation Items:

- Homemade kayak trailer - \$85 Randy Smith
- Aluminum Canoe - \$90 Randy Smith
- Kayaks
 - L607 Randy Smith \$75
 - K607 Randy Smith \$75
 - 415 Randy Smith \$75
 - Elizabeth Kling \$75 – 607
 - Jason Unternahrer - \$55 9D707
 - Jason Unternahrer - \$55 4D07

Hardin motioned to approve all sales, Willson seconded. Kling Abstained. Motion passed, all ayes

5. **Environmental Education Update** – Wrapped up field trip season with LM 3 Day into Night at Langwood and MS 2 at Toolesboro. Amanda and I attended the Fall Iowa Association of Naturalists conference in Scott Co at the beginning of November. School programs are in full swing with Amanda helping us maintain our schedule successfully. LCC received a CFLC grant for

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\$1000 to create large vinyl EE materials. TRCF also received a CFLC grant for \$4500 for picnic tables for the outdoor prairie classroom shelter at Langwood. LCC continues to work on the 250th Birthday Celebration in conjunction with the County librarians. There will be a passport, multiple activities throughout 2026, and other things that we are still collectively planning. Both the CJ and MS libraries received a CFLC grant for their storybook walk installations which will be at CB, HNT at MS, and VG. LCC will have an MOU with the Libraries for installation, small and large maintenance, and “acts of god” etc. to make sure that work is divvied out appropriately before the projects are installed.

6. **Maintenance Update** – Ewart reported for Hollingsworth. 2nd phase of the solar installation at Virginia Grove is complete and solar aerator is installed. It will be turned off for the winter to allow for ice fishing. Ewart, Stallman, and Hollingsworth attended the Great Rivers Conservation Alliance Meeting in Muscatine. The Landowner Prescribed Fire Workshop will be Feb 11 in Johnson County. LCC staff conducted prescribed fire at Cairo Woods and LM Elementary. Hollingsworth and Ewart assisted with the response to the wildfire at Chinkapin.
7. **Director Update** – \$1,100 for trails from the Trails Council through Tri-Rivers to repair the Hoover nature trail at CB washout that happened with the July 2025 flooding. “Our legal team (Lynch Dallas) is working with the other legal team, and we hope to get more information soon, potentially by December”. Pesticide applicator refresh for Ewart and Stallman. L&M Prairie, Cairo fire. Going to be needed a fix for publisher documents (@canva). Special meeting needed for budget. New board member – no applications yet, some interest
8. **Next regular meeting: January 5, 3:00 pm, Louisa County Complex**
Special budget meeting will be held: December 15, 3:00 pm, Louisa County Complex
9. **Adjournment 3:40 pm** Kling motions, Willson 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.”