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Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 3:00 pm at Eden Park.

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

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

Public Present: Jim Rudisill

Meeting called to order: at 3:00 pm by Maine

1. **Agenda Approval** – Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Consent Agenda** – Kling motioned to approve, Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes
4. **Insurance Policy Changes**- Ewart worked with Paul Horak, Horak Insurance to revisit what we have insurance on and what types of insurance are applied. Make sure that everything is covered with the right type and that the premium makes sense. Ewart asks if there are any objections from the Board. No objections
5. **Release Bids for Shop Roof Repairs** – any work won't be done until the start of the FY. Sam Willson motioned to release bids for shop roof repairs. Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
6. **Environmental Education Update** – Field trip season is in full swing, 50 people attend Spring Break picnic in the park. Our EE program at Big Sand Mound helped to achieve the highest gold rating from the Wildlife Habitat Council. MPowerU HS students came to Langwood and completed paint work on the bird blind and helped ready fishing poles for the season. The low docks have been installed at LW. We added two afternoon camps for younger kids this summer plus another camp for 4-6th graders.
7. **Maintenance Update** – Memorial benches have been installed at CB and two memorial trees have been planted at CB and VG. Water is on at all properties and all water tests are successful except for Snively and Flaming Prairie. LW Eagle Scout Project Bridge finished at Langwood. Campgrounds are whipped into shape and ready for the season. Luke is keeping up on the mowing by himself.

Maine Update on Complex Mowing – bids for external mowing came back higher than if the county hired a part time mower/yardwork position. Maine will be recommending that the County hire a mower position which would loosely report to Ewart when out at the Complex.
8. **Director Update** – Accessibility Permits are good to go and effective

Planted memorial tree – will be getting signs made soon

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Eden Financial Update – see explanation sheet. Ewart reviewed how the Trust is set up.

Complex mower – Conservation will give \$7000 back to the supervisors so they can hire a mower. It is potential that I will be in charge of that employee if they can't hire it out. Roughly 12 hrs per week. I don't think it will be too much extra work on my end since we would have trained a seasonal how to mow the office complex anyway. Our park guys can focus on parks and let me handle the office complex groundskeeper. This wouldn't be a conservation employee – so no budget or raise schedule. Just report to me

- 9. Eden Park planning session and committee formation.** The Board reviewed the two existing Master Plans and selected to follow the 2016 version. Brainstorming big vs small ideas. Decided on a location for a shelter near the existing playground. Schantz and Kling will serve on the Committee and reporting back.

Next regular meeting: Monday, June 2, 2025; 3:00 pm

Location: LCCB Maintenance Shop, K Ave in Wapello

Adjournment 4:10pm. Willson motions, Kling 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."