

# Black Hawk County Conservation Board Minutes

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 1346 West Airline Highway, Waterloo, IA and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Josh Balk, President, at 5:00 PM.

Roll call members present: Mike Bonser, Jon McNamee, Travis Turpin & Josh Balk.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

## Staff Present:

Mike Hendrickson, Executive Director  
Nichole Koelling, Office Manager  
Cherrie Northrup, Planning Administrator  
Jim Weimer, Wildlife Conservationist II  
Karl Kozak, North Unit Ranger  
Trevor Davis, Ranger II

## AGENDA

Motion by McNamee, seconded by Turpin to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

## MINUTES

Motion by McNamee, seconded by Bonser to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026, board meeting. Motion Carried.

## BILLS

Motion by Bonser, seconded by McNamee to approve the bills submitted. Motion Carried.

## VISITOR(S) CONCERNS:

None.

## **APPROVE PROJECT PLANS & SET PUBLIC HEARING, BLACK HAWK PARK CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT** – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by McNamee, seconded by Turpin to approve the Black Hawk Park Culvert Replacement Project plans and specifications for bid letting, authorize setting the public hearing for the project at 5:00PM on April 9, 2026, and authorize publication of the Notice to Bidders and Notice of Public Hearing when appropriate. Motion Carried.

## **ACCEPT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEED FROM IDOT REGARDING WOLF CREEK WETLAND PURSUANT TO IDOT AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 20, 2013** – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by McNamee, seconded by Bonser to officially acknowledge and accept the Quitclaim Deed from the Iowa Department of Transportation for the 145+/- acre mitigation site known as, Wolf Creek Wetland. Motion Carried.

## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** – *Jim Weimer*

Staff have been working on honeysuckle removal at Hickory Hills Park. Staff worked with Bill Haywood on stand mapping Black Hawk Creek Greenbelt for Phase 2 of a timber stand improvement project.

## **UNIT RANGER REPORTS** – *Karl Kozak/Trevor Davis*

**North Unit:**

Staff have been busy with park maintenance & cutting firewood. Staff have also been interviewing potential candidates for seasonal positions. Black Hawk Park is currently closed due to flooding.

**South Unit:**

Staff have been busy with cutting firewood, honeysuckle removal & clearing brush on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. Staff have also been interviewing potential candidates for seasonal positions.

**NATURE CENTER REPORT – *Amy Davison***

Maple Syrup Festival went great! Staff is getting ready for Spring Break camps.

**DIRECTORS REPORT – *Mike Hendrickson***

The Big Woods Lake Campground Joint Board meeting will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff thanked Josh Balk for his service on the Board! A written report was submitted.

**ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD**

None.

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

Adjourned 5:34 PM.

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