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Louisa County Conservation Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

Date/Time/Location: Monday, November 2, 2026 / 3:00 pm / Conservation Office
Board Present: Shawn Maine, Elizabeth Kling, Josh Hardin, Jo Schantz
Staff Present: Jacob Ewart, Lana Artz-McComb, Tanner Hollingsworth

1. Agenda Approval (action)

   Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm.

   Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Schantz seconded, motion passed all ayes

2. Consent Agenda (action)
   a. Minutes
   b. Financials

   Schantz motioned to approve the consent agenda, Hardin seconded, motion passed all ayes

3. Audience Consideration (informational)

   None

4. Environmental Education Update (informational)

   Fall field trip season is complete with one more on 11/12. Amanda has been doing library programs and programs at Colonial Manor. Lana and Jacob met with the CCI crew doing tree removal work at Toolesboro on 10/21 and 22. The Halloween Hike was successful with 126 participants and volunteers from the CJ and Grandview/Letts Lions Clubs and the Grandview Community Club providing food. Artz-McComb has been working on new and/or updated lesson plans including transitioning documents away from the now retired publisher. Amanda and Lana will be attending the Iowa Association of Naturalists conference this week.

5. Maintenance Update (informational)

   6 month seasonal, Jake Shoppa's, last day was last week. Mostly caught up on mowing and hopefully mowing season is over. Worked on clearing trails at Cairo and HNT-MS. Snively was half full and Virginia Grove was full with the Halloween Hike. Water off and docks out. The Kline bench is installed on the backside of the VG pond and did some work clearing and spraying so the bench has a nice view. Hollingsworth, Ewart, and Stallman completed the fire refresher and pack test last week.

6. Administrative Update (informational)

   Ewart and Stallman have completed the pesticide refresher. Hollingsworth plans to get his certification this winter. Ewart has been starting budget work and plans to have a draft ready for the Dec meeting.

7. Approval of Memorial Donation – Mesler (action)

   Donation request of an oak or other nut tree to be placed at Virginia Grove with a plaque.

   Hardin motioned to approve the memorial tree, Kling seconded, motion passed all ayes.

8. Recommend LCCB Member to BOS (action)

   Board reviewed and discussed the 4 application. Kling mentions this is the first time in her 15 years on the board that they've been allowed to see candidate applications and it's appreciated. Maine said that he suggested to the BOS that the CCB be allowed to make a recommendation. Discussion of candidates yielded a request for Auditor to post the opening for another cycle to get more candidates. Maine will report to the BOS that the CCB had difficulties making a decision and would like to see more choices. Still waiting on Appeals Court before position can be filled.

9. Amend Schedule of Fee Policy (action)

   Hardin motioned to approve changes as presented, Schantz seconded, motion passed all ayes.

10. Approve LCCB Fee Schedule (action)

    Schantz motioned to approve the fee schedule, Hardin seconded, motion passed all ayes.

11. Amend Delegation of Authority Policy (action)

    Kling motioned to approve the amendment, Hardin seconded, motion passed all ayes.

12. Amend Rules and Regulations (action)

    Hardin motioned to approve the amendment, Schantz seconded, motion passed all ayes.

13. Budget FY28 Discussion / Planning (informational)

    Ewart is beginning work on it. Board priorities are Langwood Lodge, Hoover Nature Trail, and Virginia Grove Schoolhouse. Schantz recommended that those items be added as check-ins on all agendas going forward so the Board keeps talking about it.

14. Set Date/Time/Location for Next Regular Meeting (informational)

    a. Monday, Dec 7, 2026 / 3:00 PM / Complex

15. Adjournment

    Hardin motioned to adjourn, Kling seconded, motion passed all ayes.

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President Secretary Date Approved

President – Shawn Maine Vice-President – Josh Hardin

Secretary – Elizabeth Kling