

Black Hawk County Conservation Board Minutes

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board met on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 1346 West Airline Highway, Waterloo, IA and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Jon McNamee, Vice-President, at 5:00 PM.

Roll call members present: Bob Boeck, Jon McNamee, Travis Turpin & Terri Rogers.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Staff Present:

Mike Hendrickson, Executive Director
Nichole Koelling, Office Manager
Cherrie Northrup, Planning Administrator
Karl Kozak, North Unit Ranger
Al Finke, South Unit Ranger
Amy Davison, Hartman Center Manager
Jim Weimer, Wildlife Conservationist II
Ben Rindels, Ranger III

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Boeck, seconded by Rogers to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026, board meeting. Motion Carried.

BILLS

Motion by Boeck, seconded by Turpin to approve the bills submitted. Motion Carried.

VISITOR(S) CONCERNS:

None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Boeck to elect Mike Bonser, President until the end of the year. Motion Carried.

MOWER BIDS – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by Boeck, seconded by Rogers to approve the bid of \$13,900.00 from P & K Midwest, Inc for a commercial mower. Motion Carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PURCHASE OF BACKHOE – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Turpin to authorize setting a public hearing for the purchase of a backhoe at 5:00 PM on August 13, 2026, and authorize publication of the Notice of Public Hearing when appropriate. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION – COMPATIBLE USE AGREEMENT RENEWAL, MOULDS TRACT – Mike Hendrickson

Motion by Turpin, seconded by Boeck, to move the following resolution:

Black Hawk County Conservation Board accepts and approves the renewal of the Compatible Use Agreement for the Moulds Tract adjacent to the Bruggeman Wildlife Area with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for an additional 10 years expiring on January 1, 2036, and authorizes the Executive Director to sign the same.

AYES: Rogers, McNamee, Turpin, Boeck.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – Jim Weimer

Staff have been busy with Honeysuckle removal at Hickory Hills Park & have also been doing invasive species removal at Cedar Bend Savannah. A contractor removed Aspen trees in Cedar Hills Sand Prairie.

UNIT RANGER REPORTS – Karl Kozak/Al Finke

North Unit:

Staff have been busy with flood prep at Black Hawk Park, mowing, clearing access areas along the Wapsipinicon River & hauling rock.

South Unit:

Staff have been busy with electrical work, hauling rock, Cedar Valley Nature Trail clean-up & normal park maintenance.

NATURE CENTER REPORT – Amy Davison

Staff have been busy with summer camps. The Amphitheater remodel is still ongoing. Work will begin to revamp the Buckles pond on July 20th. Staff will be in the Kid's Zone at Cedar Valley Pride Fest.

DIRECTORS REPORT – Mike Hendrickson

A written report was submitted.

ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

None.

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

Adjourned 5:30 PM.

NICHOLE KOELLING

DATE