

Louisa County Conservation Board - Special Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in special session on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Louisa County Conservation Office

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

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

Public Present: Jim Rudisill

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

1. **Agenda Approval** – Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Wilson seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Discussion and possible action to approve FY27 Budget** - Ewart presented the FY27 budget. Total budget for various budgets includes:

Expenses: General basic - \$492,914, General supplemental - \$128,640, REAP - \$26,019, Land Acquisition - \$53,094
Revenue: General basic - \$137,147, REAP - \$17,668, Land Acquisition - \$63,323

Ewart is going to be replacing the naturalist vehicle with consideration to how they use it and capabilities, and the maintenance shop needs a power rake to help manage roads, parking lots, and all other gravel areas. These items are going to be budgeted for out of the general basic. In order to make room for these things, the naturalist intern salaries are going to come out of REAP. Other discussion around decreasing the rock budget occurred to compensate for the lack of rock needed with the new equipment, but decided to leave it and see how the year plays out before letting it go, especially since rock prices are expected to rise.

Discussion involved raising the price of camping by \$1, so Ewart added that revenue into the budget for FY27, though no action was officially taken.

The BOS and auditor's office would like to see the budget with 0,2,4 % raises for permanent staff. Numbers in these minutes reflect 2% raises.

The board plans to pursue a shelter for Eden park again this FY, so that is included at \$40,000 as both a revenue and expense.

Motion by Hardin to approve budget as presented with 0, 2, and 4% raises as determined by the BOS. Wilson seconded, all ayes, motion carries.

4. **Adjournment** at 4:19 pm. Hardin motions, Kling seconds, motion passed all ayes.

Next regular meeting: January 12 at 3:00 PM, Louisa County Complex

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Shawn Maine
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Chair	Secretary/Treasurer	Date Approved
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2025 Chair – Shawn Maine	2025 Vice-chair – Joellen Schantz	
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2025 Secretary/Treasurer – Elizabeth Kling		
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2026 Chair –

2026 Vice-chair –

2026 Secretary/Treasurer –

*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.”