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### **Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Agenda**

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 3:00 pm at Louisa County Office Complex.

**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, Curt Hartlieb, Tommy Diewold

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

1. **Agenda Approval** – Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Consent Agenda** – Willson motioned to approve, Kling seconded. Motion passed all ayes
4. **Curt Hartlieb MFHRC-** The Mississippi Flyway Hunting Retriever Club member Curt Hartlieb presented information to the Board regarding the club's request for access to public property at Indian Slough. The club has an agreement with DMCCB regarding access in that county and Hartlieb knows that Louisa County members would appreciate accesses. The club is a fully insured non profit entity promoting conservation through use of trained receivers. They don't train with live birds or use live ammunition. Request is for year-round access to 18 acres in the north portion of Indian Slough – prairie and water for training with the potential to host hunt tests in the future. The club will assist in maintaining the area and "leave it better than they found it". The club is seeking a 1 year trial agreement. Tommy Diewold, Club President, spoke up about the interest in having an area that has both water and prairie. This location would be unique to Iowa areas and club members travel to Illinois for an area with both.

Ewart spoke with DMCCB Director Chris Lee who had all good things to say about the relationship with the club. The Board instructs Ewart to get a copy of the agreement with DMCCB and have an action item on the April agenda.

5. **Accessibility Permits** – Ewart used the DNR's accessibility permit language to re-write LCC's, removing illegal questions. He presented the Board with a draft version which has also been sent to Adam Parsons for review. The Board discussed the minutia of the permit. It will be an action item on April agenda pending Adam Parsons' approval.
6. **Environmental Education Update** –

Interviewed and hired returning Seasonal Naturalist Brelynn Randall.

TRCF received \$27,824 for the Prairie Outdoor Classroom Shelter at Langwood. This project is fully funded with \$7500 from CFLC, and a \$2000 donation from TRCF. Concrete work first followed by shelter construction....hopefully using the MidAmerican Cares team.

Program highlights- a full week of StarLab Digital Planetarium for all 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the

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county. Birding programs at Colonial Manor in CJ, and water quality programs for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. This week is Hunter Education. There will be a Boater Education class on March 29 and April 5<sup>th</sup> so please help get the word out!

BSA Troop 560 will be doing some trail work and bird blind improvement work at Langwood.

Artz-McComb provided the Board with a copy of the Feb ICCS Newsletter with information about SJR6 and an invitation to the March 20<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Day at the Capitol.

7. **Maintenance Update** – skidsteer work at Indian Slough for burn unit prep. Work at the MS School prairie in preparation for a burn. Assisted with the Landowner Prescribed Fire Workshop in Lee County. Attended a Hunter Ed Instructor Workshop. Forest Reserve is half way completed. Pressure tank installed at Langwood. Completed the 1<sup>st</sup> CDL test.
8. **Director Update** – Luke Perkins will return as the 6 mo seasonal on April 7. Holding interviews for the 1 3 mo seasonal position, hopefully hire by next week. Agreement with secondary roads to share the dump truck for hauling rocks. Ewart can re-test into his CDL. Ewart provided an answer to questions that Hardin had asked about LCC Land Acquisition funds. Ewart reported that he discussed with Vicki Frank and land acquisition funds go back into the county general fund. Not feasible or plausible to change. Ewart reminds the Board that it's time for the Director Performance Evaluation and the Board discussed the procedure for the April meeting. Reported on the District V meeting in Jefferson County. The 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Eden Park disc golf course is paid for. Discussion on forming an Eden Park shelter design committee. Board members should bring written ideas to the next meeting on what they want or don't want in a shelter knowing that there's ~\$100K available.

Maine asked Ewart for the survey results from the LCC Strategic Plan survey from 4 years ago.

9. **Next regular meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025; 3:00 pm**

**Location: Chinkapin Bluffs Recreation Area shelter.**

Weather backup: 92 Roadhouse

\*Location decision will be made by 11 am on April 7

10. **Adjournment 4:03 pm.** Hardin motions, Willson seconds, motion passed all ayes.

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Chair

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Secretary/Treasurer

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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."*