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LOUISA COUNTY
CONSERVATION



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Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on February 9, 2026 at 3:00 pm at the Conservation Office

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

Staff Present: Jacob Ewart, Tanner Hollingsworth

Public Present: Jim Rudisill

Meeting called to order: at 3:00 by Maine

1. **Agenda Approval** – Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Shantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Consent Agenda** – Hardin motioned to approve consent agenda, seconded by Shantz. Motion passed all ayes
4. **Environmental Education Update** – Summer Prep work including CFLC grant project and summer nature camps, as well as field trip scheduling. Artz-McComb has been working on an overhaul of lesson planning system both electronically and in storage area. **Hunter Ed is coming March 12 + 14.** Summer camp registration begins march 2nd. BSM field day will be held June 13 (Saturday). There will be a code to allow for free board member registration and will open sometime in March. LCCB plans to team up with LCSO to host a cops n' bobbers event fishing event in fall.
5. **Maintenance Update** – Hollingsworth reported they were mostly done now prepping for burn season. They prepped the tools, torches, pumps, and breaks. Maint staff finished removing trees around snively bathrooms and with the trees split 5+ totes of firewood for camping season. Staff are moving rip rap from the shop and filling in ditches and gullies at carious parks (chinkapin and Langwood). Seasonal Luke Perkins is taking a new job in July, so we should hire another seasonal starting in July – oct.
6. **Director Update** – Ewart updated Board on power outage at Complex. Reported to board he was making bid sheets to have ready for next meeting for a new naturalist vehicle. SUV instead of minivan. Board directed Ewart to sell van outright instead of trading it in. Ewart reported it was also time for annual review for the director position. He will send the form to everyone to fill out so they can come together with answers for next meeting.
7. **Director Position Description Updates/review** – There are a few changes, but mostly just taking things that are position related out of the bylaws and policies and putting them into the Director position description. No action.
8. **LCCB Bylaws Updates/review** – Many changes, mostly moving things around from bylaws and policies and putting them where they need to go. Removing things that can change (spending limits) and things that are procedural or policy. No action.

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9. Next regular meeting: March 9, 3:00 pm, Louisa County Complex

10. Adjournment 3:30 pm Willson motions, Hardin seconds, motion passed all ayes.

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved

Chair – Shawn Maine

Vice-chair – Josh Hardin

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."