

Black Hawk County Conservation Board Minutes

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board met on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 1346 West Airline Highway, Waterloo, IA and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Jenny Murphy, President, at 5:00 PM.

Roll call members present: Josh Balk, Jon McNamee, Jenny Murphy, Terri Rogers & Mike Bonser.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Staff Present:

Mike Hendrickson, Executive Director
Cherrie Northrup, Planning Administrator
Al Finke, South Unit Ranger

Nichole Koelling, Office Manager
Karl Kozak, North Unit Ranger
Amy Davison, Nature Center Manager

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Bonser, seconded by McNamee to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2025 & June 20, 2025, board meetings. Motion Carried.

BILLS

Motion by McNamee, seconded by Bonser to approve the bills submitted. Motion Carried.

VISITORS

Michelle Weidner, BHC Finance Director

Heather Prendergast, Assistant County Attorney

VISITOR(S) CONCERNS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING @ 5:00 PM: PARK SIGNAGE PROJECT

Motion by Balk, seconded by McNamee to open the public hearing for the Park Signage Project at 5:01 PM.

No oral or written comments were received.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by McNamee to close the public hearing at 5:02 PM.

Motion Carried.

MOWER BIDS – Mike Hendrickson

Motion by Bonser, seconded by Rogers to approve the bid of \$11,679.12 from Stokes Welding for a commercial mower. Motion Carried.

TOOLCAT WORK MACHINE BIDS – Mike Hendrickson

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Balk to approve the bid of \$74,194.00 from Black Hawk Rental for a toolcat work machine. Motion Carried.

BOOM LIFT BIDS – Mike Hendrickson

Motion by Bonser, seconded by Balk to approve the bid of \$71,000.00 from Black Hawk Rental for a boom lift. Motion Carried.

UTILITY VEHICLE BIDS – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by McNamee to approve the bid of \$21,518.00 from P & K Midwest, Inc for a utility vehicle. Motion Carried.

PURCHASE OF A ONE-TON PICKUP TRUCK – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by McNamee, seconded by Rogers to approve the state bid of \$48,859.40 from Karl Chevrolet for a one-ton pickup truck. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION: PARK SIGNAGE PROPOSALS – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by Balk, seconded by McNamee to move the following resolution:

Black Hawk County Conservation Board accepts and approves the proposal submitted by Nagle Signs, Inc. of Waterloo, IA, for the design, construction, and installation of new park signage for Black Hawk County parks, facilities and recreational areas.

AYES: Balk, Bonser, Murphy, Rogers, McNamee.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT THE ADA PLAYGROUNDS PROJECT AS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by Bonser, seconded by McNamee to move the following resolution:

Black Hawk County Conservation Board accepts the ADA Playgrounds Project as substantially complete and recommends that, upon acceptance by the Board of Supervisors, the final project invoice in the amount of \$47,554.74 be paid to PlayPower LT Farmington Inc. utilizing the American Rescue Plan funds. Furthermore, the Black Hawk County Conservation Board recommends that the Board of Supervisors accept and approves the same.

AYES: McNamee, Rogers, Murphy, Bonser, Balk.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

COST SHARE PROGRAM WITH IOWA DNR FOR BLACK HAWK CREEK LOG JAM

REMOVALS – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by McNamee, seconded by Rogers to authorize staff to partner with the Iowa DNR to hire a Conservation Corps crew to remove log jams along Black Hawk Creek & authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreements pertaining to this Iowa DNR cost share program. Motion Carried.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – *Jim Weimer*

No report.

UNIT RANGER REPORTS – *Karl Kozak/Al Finke*

North Unit:

Black Hawk Park has been closed due to flooding for the past couple of weeks; staff was able to open the park completely yesterday. Big Woods has been very busy with camping.

South Unit:

Staff have been busy mowing & working on the new seeding around Casey Lake, cleaning up Cedar Valley Nature Trail storm damage & fixing fence damage. Casey Lake was stocked with about 4,000 Bass.

NATURE CENTER REPORT – *Amy Davison*

Staff have been busy with summer camps. Nature in your neighborhood has been a great success; staff has had about 20 participants at each program. Staff have been meeting with McElroy Trust to seeking funding to make it a weekly program next summer. School of the Wild begins on September 8th.

DIRECTORS REPORT – *Mike Hendrickson*

A written report was submitted.

ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

None.

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

Adjourned 5:53 PM.

NICHOLE KOELLING

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