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Louisa County Conservation Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 6, 2026 / 3:00 pm / Louisa County Conservation Office

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

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

Public Present: none

Meeting called to order: at 3:00 by Maine

1. Agenda Approval (action)
Hardin motioned to approve the agenda, Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. Audience Consideration (informational)
None
3. Consent Agenda (action)
Willson motioned to approve consent agenda, Schantz seconded. Motion passed all ayes
4. Environmental Education Update (informational)
EE stats for FY26 highlights: 5852 total participant contacts over 180 programs. Adult/Civic 15 programs, Youth/Civic 9 programs, 10 day camps, 50 public programs (library, large events, hunter ed, misc), 97 school programs (at school and field trips). Shoutout to Ziva Green and Brelynn Randall. Extra special shoutout to Brelynn for her work at the library programs. She's been completing weekly programs with every library. Because of this, we've seen a significant rise in attendance at these programs because they are scheduled on a routine. Big Sand Mound Field Day was a huge success with record participation of 256 participants from all over Iowa (and a few other states). Hosted District V at Langwood. Ethan Brown and 4 other Scouts from Wapello installed the 13 Storybook Adventure pedestals at Chinkapin Bluffs. It took them about 2 hours which included figuring out out and a dinner break. 2 of the other Scouts in attendance volunteered to take the HNT and VG pedestal installations.
5. Maintenance Update (informational)
4th of July Campground report – Snively full, handful at Virginia Grove. Hollingsworth has been blading roads and boat ramps. Received the power rake but hasn't used it yet. Completed insulation work at the Shop. Garage door, concrete, and gutter work at the Shop are all finished. Luke Perkins' last day was 6/26. Jacob Shoppa starts on 7/7
6. Administrative Update (informational)
Did not get the NAWCA Grant though there is a small change of reconsideration in August. Ewart will continue work on the Hoover Nature Trail landowner project but he has been busy. New SUV is delayed and arriving in August. Ewart would like to set a date for an auction at the Shop with the goal to clear out the "cold" side of the things that are not used. Board suggests Ewart send an email out to Department Heads to see if they have surplus to add to the auction. Discussion of Board approval needed prior to sale. Ewart will present the Board with a list of items at next meeting so the Board can pre-approve the sale prior to the auction. Ewart will also present the Annual Report next month. Ewart reminds the Board that Board Member #5s position is coming up in December 2026 (Brad Quigley's position that he resigned and Shawn Maine was appointed to). Willson is up in

July 2027 and Kling in December 2027. Ewart and the Board looked at the goals made in FY25 for FY26, both short and long term, discussing what has been accomplished and what needs to stay on the list. Hardin would like the Langwood Lodge as a top priority as well as the Virginia Grove Schoolhouse.

7. Quick Glance – FY26 Report (informational)
Ewart provided an overview of FY26.
8. Approval of FY27 Transfer Request from GB to Land Acquisition (action)
This transfer is of the Revenue from FY26.
Hardin motions to ask for a transfer of 100% of the GB funds to Land Acquisition. Kling seconded. Motion approved all ayes.
Request goes to the Supervisors at the mid-July Tuesday meeting,
9. Approval of FY27 Transfer Request from Land Acquisition to GB (action)
This transfer is the Maeбус Repayment.
Hardin motions to transfer \$40,000 from Land Acquisition to GB. Willson seconded. Motion approved all ayes.
10. Memorial Donation Approval (action)
Emmy Fuller’s previous memorial tree at Chinkapin Bluffs died and requests to replace it with a new tree.
Kling motions to approve the memorial donation, Schantz seconded. Motion approved all ayes.
11. Set Date/Time/Location for Next Regular Meeting (action)
 - a. Monday, August 3,2026 / 3:00 PM / Virginia Grove Recreation Area Picnic Shelter
12. Adjournment (action)
3:42 pm Hardin motions, Schantz seconded, 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.”