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LOUISA COUNTY
CONSERVATION



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Louisa County Conservation Board - Special Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in special session on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 8:00 am at Louisa County Maintenance Shop

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

Staff Present: Jacob Ewart, Tanner Hollingsworth

Public Present: Jim Rudisill,

Meeting called to order: at 8:00 am by Maine

1. **Agenda Approval** – Willson motioned to approve the agenda, Hardin seconded. Motion passed all ayes.
2. **Audience Consideration** – none
3. **Discussion and possible approval of Skid steer repair** – Ewart and Hollingsworth report an issue with the DEF temperature valve and header. Total repairs will cost \$3,197.86. Board was okay with proceeding as the skid steer needs repairs and it doesn't do the county any good being unrepaired. Hardin motions, Shantz seconds, motion passes all ayes.
4. **Discussion and possible action to raise staff spending limit policy** – Ewart explained that the current staff spending limit without board approval was \$2,500 and could be moved higher to respect the time of the board with decisions like these. Discussion about raising was positive, and consensus fell at \$5,000 limit. The board asked that Ewart still kept them up to date on major repairs, even if below the \$5,000 limit, but that could happen with a quick update to the members individually. Hardin motions to raise staff spending limit policy to \$5,000. Willson seconds. Motion passes all ayes.
5. **Discussion and possible action to amend Bylaw section 7 subsection 2 (expenditures) to raise the spending limit of the staff without board approval.** – See previous discussion. The \$2,500 limit was in two places, therefore both needed changed. Hardin motions, Shantz seconds. Motion passes all ayes.
6. **Adjournment 8:17 am** Hardin motions, Schantz seconds, motion passed all ayes.

Next regular meeting: November 3, 3:00 pm, Louisa County Complex

Chair

Chair – Shawn Maine

Secretary/Treasurer

Vice-chair – Joellen Schantz

Date Approved

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*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.”