



## **LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024, BOARD MEETING**

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on **June 24, 2024**, at Wickiup Hill Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341.

#### **Board Members Present**

George Kanz, Steve Emerson, Ashley Whittlesey, Brent Oleson

#### **Board Members Absent**

Kendal Hausmann

#### **Staff Present**

Dennis Goemaat, Executive Director; Daniel Gibbins, Deputy Director; Ryan Schlader Communications; Randy Burke, Planner;

#### **Others Present**

John Hanson

#### **I. Call To Order**

Emerson called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

#### **II. Public Comment**

John Hanson commented thanking the Board for support toward development of the mountain biking trails at Wanatee Park.

#### **III. Consent Agenda**

1. Approve minutes of the May 20, 2024, meeting.
2. Approve claims list and expenditures – Claims List # 2024-12. Claims and Transfer list #2024-12 involving claim #12-1290 through #12-1484.
3. Receive and place on file the May 2024 financial/budget report.
4. Receive and place on file the May 2024 activity report.

5. Acceptance of gifts.
  1. Gift #37-2024 – Monetary donation (\$10,000) from Whitetails Unlimited to assist with the Shepherd land acquisition.
  2. Gift #38-2024 – Monetary donation (\$50) from the Cedar Rapids Garden Club for support of the conservation program.
  3. Gift #39-2024 – Monetary donation (\$2,000) from the Cedar Rapids Audubon Society for a park bench at Wanatee Park in memory of Pete Wickham.
  4. Gift #40-2024 – Monetary donation (\$1,000) from Connie Wright to support the conservation education program.
  5. Gift #41-2024 – Donation and planting of 625 trees at Wanatee Park from Ben Bruggeman.
  6. Gift #42-2024 – Monetary donation (\$565) from Donald Beebe in memory of Daisy Mae Beebe.
  7. Gift #43-2024 – Monetary donation (\$200) from Jane Lonergan-Highley to support the conservation education program.
6. Capital Improvement Program updates.

#### **IV. Regular Agenda**

##### **1. Approve Consent Agenda**

**Motion** by Oleson, second by Kanz

To approve the consent agenda.

**Vote:**            aye: all present  
                      nay: none  
                      absent: Hausmann

2. **Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for installing new siding and window replacement at Prairie Oak Lodge in Wanatee Park, Project #13-24. (Burke)**

Burke reviewed bids received for awarding a contract for installing new siding and window replacement at Prairie Oak Lodge in Wanatee Park, Project #13-24. The low bid received was \$117,500.00 from King-Knutson Construction Inc.

**Motion** by Kanz, second by Oleson

To approve the low bid by King-Knutson Construction and authorize the Director to sign a contract.

**Vote:**            aye: all present  
                      nay: none  
                      absent: Hausmann

3. **Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for an addition to the shop at Pinicon Ridge Park, Project #18-24. (Burke)**

Burke reviewed bids received for awarding a contract for an addition to the shop at Pinicon Ridge Park, Project #18-24. The low bid received was \$131,500.00 from King-Knutson Construction, Inc.

**Motion** by Whittlesey, second by Oleson

To approve the low bid by King-Knutson Construction and authorize the Director to sign a contract.

**Vote:**            aye: all present  
                      nay: none  
                      absent: Hausmann

4. **Discuss and decide on Resolution #2024-14 authorizing staff to submit a State Recreation Trails grant proposal for the Central City to Pinicon Ridge Park trail connection, Project #12-21. (Doscher)**

Gibbins reviewed Resolution #2024-14 authorizing staff to submit a State Recreation Trails grant proposal for the Central City to Pinicon Ridge Park trail connection, Project #12-21.

**Motion** by Kanz, second by Oleson

To approve Resolution #2024-14 and authorize staff to submit the grant proposal.

**Vote:**            aye: all present  
                      nay: none  
                      absent: Hausmann

5. **Discuss and decide regarding a 28E agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for a bat mitigation planting at Wanatee Park and authorize the Director to sign the agreement. (Gibbins)**

Gibbins reviewed a proposed 28E agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for a bat mitigation planting at Wanatee Park.

**Motion** by Whittlesey, second by Oleson

To approve the 28E agreement and authorize the Director to sign the agreement pending final review.

**Vote:**            aye: all present  
                      nay: none  
                      absent: Hausmann

6. **Discuss and decide regarding a contract amendment with Anderson Bogert Engineers to complete design and bidding documents for the Paralta Road to Springville Road segment of the Grant Wood Trail and authorize the Director to sign the amendment, Project #16-20A. (Doscher)**

Gibbins reviewed a contract amendment with Anderson Bogert Engineers to complete design and bidding documents for the Paralta Road to Springville Road segment of the Grant Wood Trail and authorize the Director to sign the amendment, Project #16-20A.

**Motion** by Kanz, second by Oleson

To approve the contract amendment with Anderson Bogert Engineers and authorize the Director to sign the amendment.

**Vote:**            aye: all present  
                      nay: none  
                      absent: Hausmann

7. **Discuss and decide regarding granting an easement to the city of Marion for a sanitary sewer line extension in Wanatee Park and authorizing the Board President and Secretary to sign the easement.**

Goemaat reviewed an easement with the City of Marion for a sanitary sewer line extension in Wanatee Park.

**Motion** by Whittlesey, second by Kanz

To approve the easement with the City of Marion for a sanitary sewer line extension in Wanatee Park and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the easement.

**Vote:**            aye: all present  
                      nay: none  
                      absent: Hausmann

**V. Board member / staff reports**

1. Schlader updated the Board on various outreach and marketing efforts.
2. Updates:
  1. Goemaat updated the Board on the status of bond trail projects.
  2. Goemaat updated the Board on additional correspondence received complimenting the Wanatee Park mountain bike trails
  3. Goemaat updated the Board on the new rental cabins at Pinicon Ridge Park.

**VI. Public comment**

None.

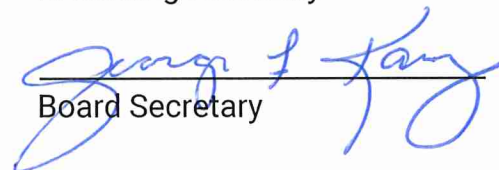
**VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Daniel Gibbins typed the above minutes.

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Recording Secretary

  
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Board Secretary