



LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024, BOARD MEETING

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on **August 26, 2024**, at Wickiup Hill Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341.

Board Members Present

George Kanz, Ashley Whittlesey, Brent Oleson, Kendal Hausmann

Board Members Absent

Steve Emerson

Staff Present

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

Others Present

I. Call To Order

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

II. Public Comment

None

III. Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes of the July 22, 2024, meeting.
2. Approve claims list and expenditures – Claims List # 2025-2.
Claims and Transfer list #2025-2 involving claim #2-108 through #2-238.
3. Receive and place on file the July 2024 financial/budget report.
4. Receive and place on file the July 2024 activity report.
5. Acceptance of gifts.
 1. Gift #3-13-2025 – Monetary donations (\$410) from various donors in memory of Pat Layton for support of the Morgan Creek butterfly garden.

2. Gift #14-2025 – Monetary donation (\$100) from Sharon Laird for support of Wickiup Hill education program.
6. Report out of closed session – 50-acre Matthew's acquisition as an addition to Pinicon Ridge Park completed.
7. Authorize staff to purchase two lifts for the vehicle maintenance shop as approved in the FY25 budget.
8. Capital Improvement Program updates.

IV. Regular Agenda

1. **Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion by Hausmann, second by Kanz

To approve the consent agenda.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Emerson

2. **Discuss and decide regarding authorizing staff to dispose of used body armor by donating it through the Linn County Sheriff's office to a nonprofit organization. (Goemaat)**

Goemaat reviewed an option for disposal of used body armor by donating it through the Linn County Sheriff's Office to a nonprofit organization.

Motion by Kanz, second by Hausmann

To authorize staff to dispose of and donate used body armor.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Emerson

3. **Discuss and decide on Resolution #2024-16, setting date and time for the public hearing regarding a 10-year lease to Rex Miller for agricultural land at the Linn County Learning Farm. (Gibbins)**

Gibbins reviewed Resolution #2024-16, setting date and time for the public hearing regarding a 10-year lease to Rex Miller for agricultural land at the Linn County Learning Farm.

Motion by Hausmann, second by Whittlesey

To approve Resolution #2024-16 and set the time and date for the public hearing.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Emerson

4. **Discuss and decide regarding approving a corrective quit claim deed conveying land from Linn County Conservation Board to Linn County, Iowa. (Goemaat)**

Goemaat reviewed a corrective quit claim deed conveying land from Linn County Conservation Board to Linn County, Iowa.

Motion by Hausmann, second by Kanz

To approve a corrective quit claim deed and authorize the Board President to sign the deed.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Emerson

5. **Discuss and decide regarding granting an easement with Ken Duesenberg for a septic system easement adjacent to 4981 Valley Farm Road at Pinicon Ridge Park. (Goemaat)**

Goemaat reviewed granting an easement with Ken Duesenberg for a septic system easement adjacent to Pinicon Ridge Park.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Kanz

To approve the easement and authorize the Board Vice-President and Secretary to sign the easement.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Emerson

6. **Discuss and decide regarding granting a temporary construction easement to the City of Marion for sanitary sewer improvements at Wanatee Park. (Goemaat)**

Goemaat reviewed granting a temporary construction easement to the City of Marion for sanitary sewer improvements at Wanatee Park.

Motion by Hausmann, second by Whittlesey

To grant a temporary construction easement and authorize the Board Vice-President and Secretary to sign the easement.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Emerson

V. Board member / staff reports

1. Schlader updated the Board on various outreach and marketing efforts.
2. Updates:
 1. Goemaat discussed the status of park improvement bond projects. Oleson noted high levels of public interface with the Morgan Creek Park playground.
 2. Goemaat discussed administrative bulletin #2.800 over meals.
 3. Gibbins discussed a potential land donation of the Stark Settlement.

VI. Public comment

None.

VII. Closed Session

The Conservation Board went into closed session to discuss the acquisition of particular real estate in accordance with Section 21.5 (1)(j) of the Iowa Code.

MOTION by Kanz, second by Hausmann

To go into closed session at 12:29 PM for the purpose of discussing acquisition of particular real estate in accordance with section 21.5(l)(j) Code of Iowa.

VOTE: aye: Oleson
 aye: Hausmann
 aye: Kanz
 aye: Whittlesey
 nay: none
 absent: Emerson

MOTION by Kanz, second by Hausmann

To go out of closed session at 12:36 PM.

VOTE: aye: Oleson
 aye: Hausmann
 aye: Kanz
 aye: Whittlesey
 nay: none
 absent: Emerson

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Daniel Gibbins typed the above minutes.

SEAL




Recording Secretary


Board Secretary