

LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, BOARD MEETING

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on **APRIL 28, 2025**, at Wickiup Hill Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341.

Board Members Present

Brent Oleson, George Kanz, Kendal Hausmann, Paul Morf, Ashley Whittlesey
Paul Morf joined the meeting by phone.

Board Members Absent

None

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 March 24, 2025, meeting.
2. Approve claims list and expenditures – Claims List # 2025-10.
Claims and Transfer list #2025-10 involving claim #10-1149 through #10-1241 .
3. Receive and place on file the March 2025 financial/budget report.
4. Receive and place on file the March 2025 activity report.
5. Acceptance of Gifts
 1. Gift #31-2025 – Donation of various nature books from Dick and Jan Lesan for use at Wickiup Hill.
 2. Gift #32-2025 – Donation of four animal pelts for use at Wickiup Hill from Dale Peterson.
 3. Gift #33-2025 – Monetary donation (\$50) to Wickiup Hill education program in memory of Don Schott.
 4. Gift #34-2025 – Monetary donation (\$30) to Wickiup Hill education program in memory of Don Schott.

5. Gift #35-2025 – Monetary donation (\$200) to Wickiup Hill education program in memory of Don Schott.
 6. Gift #36-2025 – Monetary donation (\$20) to Wickiup Hill education program in memory of Don Schott.
 7. Gift #37-2025 – Monetary donation (\$2,000) for wildlife habitat development projects.
6. Capital Improvement Program updates.

IV. Regular Agenda

1. **Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion by Hausmann, second by Whittlesey

To approve the consent agenda.

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

2. **Discuss and decide on Resolution #2025-13 awarding a contract for hard surfacing the Wickiup Hill parking area, Project #14-25.**

Doscher reviewed Resolution #2025-13 awarding a contract for hard surfacing the Wickiup Hill parking area, Project #14-25.

Motion by Kanz, second by Whittlesey

To approve Resolution #2025-13 and authorize the Director to sign the contract.

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

3. **Discuss and decide on Resolution #2025-14 awarding a contract for FY 26 seal coat application on park roads and other project-related road repairs.**

Goemaat reviewed Resolution #2025-14 awarding a contract for FY 26 seal coat application on park roads and other project-related road repairs.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Hausmann

To approve Resolution #2025-14 and authorize the Director to sign the contract

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

4. **Discuss and decide regarding approving an agreement with Central City to construct a well on county property at Pinicon Ridge Park and authorizing the President and Secretary to sign the agreement.**

Goemaat reviewed an agreement with Central City to construct a well on county property at Pinicon Ridge Park.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Kanz

To approve the agreement and authorize the President and Secretary to sign the agreement.

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

5. **Discuss and decide regarding Resolution #2025-15 authorizing staff to submit a Statewide TAP Supplemental grant application for the Central City to Pinicon Ridge Park trail.**

Doscher reviewed Resolution #2025-15 authorizing staff to submit a Statewide TAP Supplemental grant application for the Central City to Pinicon Ridge Park trail.

Motion by Kanz, second by Whittlesey

To approve Resolution #2025-15 and authorize staff to submit the grant application.

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

6. **Discuss and decide regarding Resolution #2025-16 authorizing staff to submit a Statewide TAP Supplemental grant application for design and engineering of the Cedar River Bridge on the Morgan Creek Trail.**

Burke reviewed Resolution #2025-16 authorizing staff to submit a Statewide TAP Supplemental grant application for design and engineering of the Cedar River Bridge on the Morgan Creek Trail.

Motion by Kanz, second by Whittlesey

To approve Resolution #2025-16 and authorize staff to submit the grant application.

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

7. **Discuss and decide regarding awarding contracts for concrete projects in various county parks.**

Doscher reviewed awarding contracts for concrete projects in various county parks.

Motion by Kanz, second by Hausmann

To approve and authorize the Director to sign the contracts.

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

8. **Discuss and decide regarding granting an access easement to the city of Center Point across the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and authorize the President and Secretary to sign the easement pending final legal review.**

Gibbins reviewed an access easement to the city of Center Point across the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and authorize the President and Secretary to sign the easement pending final legal review.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Kanz

To approve and authorize the President and Secretary to sign the easement.

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

V. Board member / staff reports

1. Schlader updated the Board on various outreach and marketing efforts.
2. Updates:
 - a. The Board discussed the condition of various community trails and an approach to engage community support for trail maintenance within Cedar Rapids.

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- b. Goemaat updated the Board concerning the 2024 Wapsipinicon River Mussel Blitz report.
- c. Campgrounds opened for the season on April 10.
- d. Goemaat reported on an upcoming joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors on May 19.
- e. Oleson thanked Conservation for supporting Treasurer Department Earth Day giveaway and staff meetings at Conservation lodges.
- f. Goemaat updated the Board on impacts of the Pinicon Ridge Park storage building fire to equipment and canoe shuttle operations.
- g. Burke reported on project schedules for the Morgan Creek Park lodge and the Morgan Creek Trail from 42nd Street to the Cedar River.

VI. Public comment
None.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.
Daniel Gibbins typed the above minutes.

SEAL

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary