



LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025, BOARD MEETING

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on **MAY 19, 2025**, at Pinicon Ridge Park - Ridgewood Cabin 1759 Firefly Lane, Central City, IA 52214.

Board Members Present

Brent Oleson, George Kanz, Kendal Hausmann, Ashley Whittlesey, Paul Morf
Hausmann joined the meeting at 11:18 A.M.
Whittlesey was appointed acting Secretary.

Board Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Dennis Goemaat, Executive Director; Daniel Gibbins, Deputy Director; Ryan Schlader Communications; Randy Burke, Planner; Aaron Batchelder, District Park Ranger

Others Present

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Linn County Supervisor; Brandy Z. Meisheid, Linn County Supervisor; Sarni Scheetz, Linn County Supervisor; Becky Shoop, Linn County Deputy Auditor; Steve Estenson, Risk Manager; Jessie Black, Administrative Specialist

I. Call To Order

Oleson called the meeting to order at 11:02 P.M.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consent Agenda

- C1. Approve minutes of the April 28, 2025 monthly meeting
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures - Claims list# 2025-11. Claims and Transfer list #2025-11 involving claim #11-1242 through #11-1376.
- C3. Receive and place on file the April 2025 financial/ budget report
- C4. Receive and place on file the April 2025 activity report
- CS. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. Gift #38-2025 - Monetary donation (\$350) Tausha & Josh Hollinghead for a fire ring at Wakpicada in memory of Jack Hollinghead.
 - 2. Gift #39-2025 - Monetary donation (\$50) from Kathryn Sidwell for use at Wickiup Hill Learning Center in memory of Don Schott.

3. Gift #40-2025 - Monetary donation (\$25) from Kory Kazimour for use at Wickiup Hill Learning Center in memory of Don Schott.
 4. Gift #41-2025 - Monetary donation (\$1,000) from Donna Schott for use at Wickiup Hill Learning Center in memory of Don Schott.
 5. Gift #42-2025 - Monetary donation (\$279.82) from Iowa State Association of Family Campers and RV'rs for undesignated conservation support.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program updates

IV. Regular Agenda

1. Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Kanz

To approve the consent agenda.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent Hausmann

2. Discuss and decide regarding granting an access easement to ITC across the Cedar Valley Nature Trail near Ely and authorize the President and Secretary to sign the easement.

Gibbins reviewed an access easement to ITC across the Cedar Valley Nature Trail near Ely.

Motion by Kanz, second by Whittlesey

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

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent Hausmann

3. **Discuss and decide on Conservation Board Policy #3-9 updating the credit card security policy.**

Goemaat reviewed Policy #3-9 updating the credit card security policy.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Morf

To approve Policy #3-9 for immediate implementation with readings waived.

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

4. **Discuss and decide on Resolution #2025-17 authorizing staff to submit a State Recreation Trails grant proposal for the Central City to Pinicon Ridge Park trail connection, Project #12-21.**

Gibbins reviewed Resolution #2025-17 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 Whittlesey

To approve Resolution #2025-17 authorizing staff to submit an application.

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

5. **Discuss and decide on Resolution 2025-18 committing matching funds for the Central City to Pinicon Ridge Park Trail Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program grant application.**

Gibbins reviewed Resolution 2025-18 committing matching funds for the Central City to Pinicon Ridge Park Trail Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program grant application.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Kanz

To approve Resolution 2025-18 committing matching funds for the Central City to Pinicon Ridge Park Trail Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program grant application.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay:none
 absent Hausmann

6. **Discuss and decide on Resolution 2025-19 committing matching funds for design of the Cedar River bridge on the Morgan Creek Trail Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program grant application.**

Burke reviewed Resolution 2025-19 committing matching funds for design of the Cedar River bridge on the Morgan Creek Trail Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program grant application.

Motion by Kanz, second by Whittlesey

To approve Resolution #2025-19 committing matching funds for design of the Cedar River bridge on the Morgan Creek Trail Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program grant application.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay:none
 absent Hausmann

7. **Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for upgrading the Wanatee Park shop and authorizing the Director to sign the contract, Project #17-25.**

Goemaat reviewed a contract for upgrading the Wanatee Park shop. Oleson asked about previous experience with this contractor on Conservation projects. Goemaat confirmed previous positive experience on projects.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Kanz

To approve the contract and authorize the Director to sign the contract.

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

V. Board member/ staff reports

Member Hausmann joined the meeting at 11:18 A.M.

1. Schlader updated the Board on various outreach and marketing efforts.
2. Updates:
 - a. Goemaat and Gibbins updated the Board on the Morgan Creek Park wetland project and land gift by the Cedar Rapids School District.
 - b. Oleson and the Board discussed the history, jurisdictions and maintenance needs of various sections of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail.

The Board went into recess at 11:33 A.M.

The Board came out of recess at 11:48 A.M

VI. 11:48 AM. General discussion and tour with Linn County Board of Supervisors

1. Goemaat updated the Board of Supervisors regarding an ITC Midwest easement request to cross the Cedar Valley Nature Trail near Ely.

Tour the following facilities at Pinicon Ridge Park with the Linn County Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Coneflower and Ridgewood Cabins
- 2) Firefly campground
- 3) Flying Squirrel Campground
- 4) Backwater dredging project
- 5) White Oak Shelter
- 6) Mountain bike trail
- 7) Storage building fire

VII. Public comment

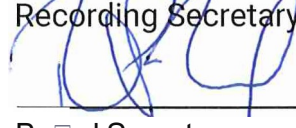
None.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.
Daniel Gibbins typed the above minutes.

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Recording Secretary


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