

LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, BOARD MEETING

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on **April 27, 2026**, at Wickiup Hill Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

none

Staff Present

Daniel Gibbins, Deputy Director; Ryan Schlader Communications; Randy Burke, Planner;
Ted Doscher, Planner; Cara Matteson, Sustainability Director

Others Present

Grace Neiland, Gazette

I. Call To Order

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

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes of the March 23, 2026, meeting.
2. Approve claims list and expenditures – Claims and Transfer List # 2026-10.
3. Receive and place on file the March 2026 financial/budget report.
4. Receive and place on file the March 2026 activity report.
5. Acceptance of Gifts
 1. Gift #6-2026 – Equipment donation from Ken Barker for mountain bike skills programs.
 2. Gift #7-2026 – Mountain bike trails donation (\$10) from Brian Kinney.
 3. Gift #8-2026 – Undesignated donation (\$40) from Jean Thomas.
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 regarding a contract with Gee Asphalt systems for a GSB application at various locations and authorize the Director to sign the contract.**

Gibbins reviewed a contract with Gee Asphalt systems for a GSB application at various locations.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Hausmann

To approve and authorize the Director to sign the contract.

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

3. **Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for paving the Abbe Creek School Museum parking area and authorize the Director to sign the contract.**

Gibbins reviewed quotes received for a contract to pave the Abbe Creek School Museum parking area. Quotes received were as follows:

Company Name:	Bid Total:
Eggleston Concrete Contractors, Inc.	\$37,868.75
Kelly Concrete Company	\$49,466.00
Delaney Concrete Contractors	\$53,066.00

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Morf

To approve the low quote from Eggleston Concrete Contractors, Inc. 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 the City of Hiawatha allocating water quality bond funding to assist with development of Clark Pond.**

Gibbins reviewed a draft agreement with the City of Hiawatha allocating water quality bond funding to assist with development of Clark Pond. Morf asked about future management. Gibbins confirmed the city would be responsible for all future management. Morf commented on preference to not fund development detention basins. Gibbins concurred and confirmed Clark Pond was not such a project.

Motion by Morf, second by Whittlesey

To approve the agreement allocating \$395,000 of bond funding to Clark Pond and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the agreement.

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

5. **Discuss and decide regarding authorizing water quality bond funding for a groundwater monitoring network with Linn County.**

Gibbins and Matteson reviewed a Linn County groundwater monitoring network project and requested allocation of water quality bond funding to support the project. Kanz noted future need to test wells due to potential upstream aquifer pollution by confined animal operations.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Hausmann

To authorize up to \$195,000 of Conservation bond funding to support the Linn County groundwater monitoring network project administered by Linn County.

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

6. **Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for the FY 27 seal coat application on park roads and other project-related road repairs.**

Gibbins reviewed projects for the FY 27 seal coat application on park roads and other project-related road repairs.

Motion by Morf, second by Whittlesey

To approve the projects and authorize the Director to sign contracts with LL Pelling for seal coating park roads.

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

7. **Discuss and decide regarding approving Resolution # 2026-07 designating the State-owned, county-managed Wood Duck Bottoms as open to bowhunting only for deer.**

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Gibbins reviewed Resolution # 2026-07 designating the State-owned, county-managed Wood Duck Bottoms as open to bowhunting only for deer.

Motion by Morf, second by Whittlesey

To approve Resolution #2026-07 and designate Wood Duck Bottoms as open to bowhunting only for deer.

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. Gibbins updated the Board on comments received regarding the Alliant power plant proposed near Fairfax.

VI. Public comment

None.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.
Daniel Gibbins typed the above minutes.

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Recording Secretary

Board Secretary