

LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, BOARD MEETING

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on **May 18, 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
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

Todd Happel, Anderson Bogert

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 April 27, 2026, meeting.
2. Approve claims list and expenditures – Claims and Transfer List # 2026-11.
3. Receive and place on file the April 2026 financial/budget report.
4. Receive and place on file the April 2026 activity report.
5. Acceptance of Gifts
 1. none
6. Capital Improvement Program updates.

IV. Regular Agenda

1. **Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion by Oleson, second by Whittlesey

To approve the consent agenda.

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

2. **Discuss and decide regarding a contract with Flow Science for mountain bike trail improvements at Pinicon Ridge Park and authorize the Director to sign the contract.**

Doscher reviewed a contract with Flow Science for mountain bike trail improvements at Pinicon Ridge Park.

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 Policy No. 4-2 entitled Delegation of Authority to the Director.**

Goemaat reviewed proposed changes to Policy No. 4-2 entitled Delegation of Authority to the Director.

Motion by Oleson, second by Hausmann

To approve Policy No. 4-2, as proposed for immediate implementation with readings waived.

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

4. **Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for construction of the storage building at Wanatee Park and authorize the Director to sign the contract, Project #29-26.**

Burke reviewed a contract for construction of the storage building at Wanatee Park. Low quote was from Robinson Construction.

Company Name	Quotation Amount
Peak Construction	\$122,694.00
Loecke Construction	\$98,250.00
Robison Construction	\$93,312.50

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Oleson

To approve the low quote of \$93,312.50 from Robison Construction and authorize the Director to sign the contract.

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

5. **Discuss and decide regarding change orders for the Morgan Creek Park Lodge, Project #10-22.**

Burke reviewed change orders for the Morgan Creek Park Lodge.

Motion by Whittlesey, second by Oleson

To approve and authorize the Director to sign the change orders.

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

6. **Discuss and decide regarding approving a design contract with 106 Group for five interpretive signs for the Pinicon Ridge Park mountain bike trail, Project #09-24.**

Gibbins reviewed a design contract with 106 Group for five interpretive signs for the Pinicon Ridge Park mountain bike trail.

Motion by Oleson, second by Whittlesey

To approve and authorize the Director to sign the contract.

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. Oleson discussed facility fee structures and potential data that could assist in setting fees that would maximize customer use and revenue to the County.

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 Hausmann, second by Whittlesey

To go into closed session at 12:25 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: Kanz
 aye: Morf
 aye: Whittlesey
 aye: Hausmann
 nay: none
 absent: none

MOTION by Oleson, second by Whittlesey

To go out of closed session at 12:59 PM.

VOTE: aye: Oleson
 aye: Kanz
 aye: Morf

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aye: Whittlesey
aye: Hausmann
nay: none
absent: none

Motion by Oleson, second by Whittlesey

To authorize staff to proceed as discussed in closed session.

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

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 PM.
Daniel Gibbins typed the above minutes.

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Recording Secretary

Board Secretary