

LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2023, BOARD MEETING

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on **June 20, 2023**, at Wickiup Hill Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341.

Board Members Present

Steve Emerson, Kendal Hausmann, George Kanz

Board Members Absent

Cindy Burke, Brent Oleson

Staff Present

Dennis Goemaat, Executive Director; Ryan Schlader Communications; Ted Doscher, Planner; Randy Burke, Planner; Aaron Batchelder, Wapsi District Resource Manager.

Others Present

None.

Call To Order

Emerson called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. Kanz was appointed acting Secretary.

Public Comment

None.

ITEM R1. Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Kanz, second by Hausmann

To approve the consent agenda.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Burke, Oleson

The consent agenda was approved and involved the following items:

ITEM C1. Approve minutes of the May 22, 2023 meeting.

ITEM C2. Approve claims list and expenditures – Claims List # 2023-12.

Claims and Transfer list #2023-12 involving claim #12-1365 through #12-1455.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
06/20/2023

ITEM C3. Receive and place on file the May 2023 financial/budget report.

ITEM C4. Receive and place on file the May 2023 activity report.

ITEM C5. Acceptance of gifts.

1. Gift #68-2023 – Monetary donation (\$25) from Stephanie Ketelsen for support of the Wickiup Hill education program.

ITEM C6. Capital Improvement Program updates

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM R2. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2023-13 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for cabin construction at Pinicon Ridge Park, Project #29-21A.

Randy Burke reviewed Resolution #2023-13 setting July 24 at 12 p.m. for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for cabin construction at Pinicon Ridge Park, Project #29-21A.

MOTION by Kanz, second by Hausmann

To approve Resolution #2023-13 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for cabin construction at Pinicon Ridge Park, Project #29-21A.

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Burke, Oleson

ITEM R3. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2023-14 authorizing staff to submit a State Recreation Trails grant proposal for bridge replacement and installing a gravel trail surface on the Paralta Road to Springville Road segment of the Grant Wood Trail, Project #16-20.

Doscher reviewed Resolution #2023-14 authorizing staff to submit a State Recreation Trails grant proposal for bridge replacement and installing a gravel trail surface on the Paralta Road to Springville Road segment of the Grant Wood Trail, Project #16-20.

MOTION by Kanz, second by Hausmann

To approve Resolution #2023-14 and authorize staff to submit the grant application.

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Burke, Oleson

ITEM R4. Discuss the future of Mount Hope camping area at Matsell Bridge Natural Area

The Board discussed future management options for the Mount Hope campground within the Matsell Bridge Natural Area that borders Jones County. Goemaat and Batchelder reported that the campground has sustained low use over the years, consumes significant staff time, and would require some upgraded amenities. In addition, Matsell Bridge Natural Area primitive campground is nearby which provides similar camping opportunities.

No action was taken. Emerson recommended adding an action item to the agenda for the July Board meeting.

ITEM R5. Board member / staff reports – Board members and staff may report and/or discuss meetings or activities in which they have been involved. (Conservation Board & staff)

1. Community Outreach and Marketing - Schlader updated the Board on various outreach and marketing efforts.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
06/20/2023

2. Updates:

- a. Goemaat and the Board discussed details for a future joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Goemaat has proposed August 29 at Pinicon Ridge Park to review ongoing projects at Pinicon Ridge and Buffalo Creek Parks.

ITEM R6. Public comment

None.

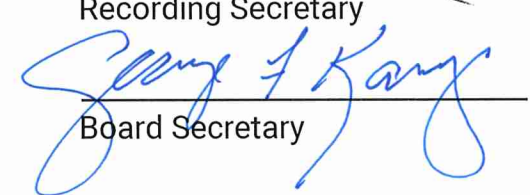
ITEM R7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m. Ryan Schlader typed the above minutes.

SEAL



Recording Secretary



Board Secretary