



LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023, BOARD MEETING

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on **March 27, 2023**, at Wickiup Hill Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341.

Board Members Present

Steve Emerson, Cindy Burke, Brent Oleson, George Kanz, Kendal Hausmann
Member Oleson joined the meeting by phone.
Member Kanz was appointed as acting Secretary.

Board Members Absent

None.

Staff Present

Dennis Goemaat, Executive Director; Daniel Gibbins, Deputy Director; Randy Burke, Planner; Ryan Schlader Communications; Aaron Batchelder, Resource Manager

Others Present

None.

Call To Order

President Emerson called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Public Comment

None.

ITEM R1. Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Burke, second by Hausmann

To approve the consent agenda.

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

The consent agenda was approved and involved the following items:

ITEM C1. Approve minutes of the February 27, 2023 and March 6, 2023 meetings.

ITEM C2. Approve claims list and expenditures – Claims List # 2023-9.
Claims and Transfer list #2023-9 involving claim #9-1059 through #9-1146.

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

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

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ITEM C5. Acceptance of gifts.

1. Gift #53-2023 – Monetary donation (\$100) from Ellen Golinvaux for support of the Cedar Valley Trail in memory of Steve Golinvaux.
2. Gift #54-2023 – Monetary donation (\$50) from Pratt Farms for support of the Cedar Valley Trail in memory of Steve Golinvaux.
3. Gift #55-2023 – Monetary donation (\$100) from Camaioni Consulting for support of the Cedar Valley Trail in memory of Steve Golinvaux.
4. Gift #56-2023 – Monetary donation (\$1,100) from Tasha Stone for a park bench at Morgan Creek Park.
5. Gift #57-2023 – Donation of a slide projector from John Layton for the conservation program.
6. Gift #58-2023 – Monetary donation (\$500) from Harlo and Joyce Hadow for support of the Cedar Valley Trail in memory of Steve Golinvaux.
7. Gift #59-2023 – Monetary donation (\$25) from Lori Larson for support of Morgan Creek Park in memory of Mary Brizzee.
8. Gift #60-2023 – Monetary donation (\$50) from Anne and Jim Jahnke for support of Morgan Creek Park in memory of Mat Brizzee.
9. Gift #61-2023 – Donation of Native American artifacts from Ken and Shirley Andrews for use in the Wickiup Hill education program.

ITEM C6. Equipment purchase program – authorize staff to purchase equipment items

ITEM C7. Capital Improvement Program updates

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM R2. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2023-8 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the solar array projects, Project #20-21.

Doscher reviewed Resolution #2023-8 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the solar array projects, Project #20-21

MOTION by Burke, second by Hausmann

To approve Resolution #2023-8 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the solar array projects, Project #20-21.

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

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ITEM R3. Discuss and decide regarding restricting use of the Matsell Bridge 50-yard range to partner and law enforcement agencies only.

Goemaat and Batchelder reviewed a proposal to restrict the Matsell Bridge 50-yard range to partner and law enforcement agencies only. Oleson asked about the location of the 50-yard range area and proximity to the rest of the range. Goemaat confirmed the range would be signed and gated to restrict access. Burke commented about sound from the rifle range. Oleson asked about security camera use. Goemaat confirmed no security cameras are currently in use.

MOTION by Kanz, second by Burke

To restrict the Matsell Bridge 50-yard range to partner and law enforcement agency use only.

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

ITEM R4. Discuss and decide regarding approving Fish Habitat Agreement 23-15F with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for fish habitat development in conjunction with the dam modification project at Pinicon Ridge Park, Project #2-19 and authorizing staff to sign the agreement.

Gibbins reviewed Fish Habitat Agreement 23-15F with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for fish habitat development in conjunction with the dam modification project at Pinicon Ridge Park, Project #2-19

MOTION by Burke, second by Hausmann

To approve Agreement 23-15F and authorize staff to sign the agreement.

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

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ITEM R5. Discuss and decide regarding approving a contract amendment and authorizing the Director to sign the amendment for preliminary design of the Paralta Road to Springville Road section of the Grant Wood Trail, Project #16-20.

Doscher reviewed a contract amendment for preliminary design of the Paralta Road to Springville Road section of the Grant Wood Trail, Project #16-20.

MOTION by Kanz, second by Burke

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

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

ITEM R6. Discuss and decide regarding approving a contract amendment and authorizing the Director to sign the amendment for construction oversight of the Morgan Creek Trail from Worcester Road to Covington, Project #11-20.

Randy Burke reviewed a contract amendment for construction oversight of the Morgan Creek Trail from Worcester Road to Covington, Project #11-20.

MOTION by Kanz, second by Burke

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

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

ITEM R7. Discuss and decide regarding a contract amendment and authorizing the Director to sign the amendment for construction oversight of the repairs and paving on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail from Urbana to the Bear Creek Bridge, Project #5-21A, B & C.

Randy Burke reviewed a contract amendment for construction oversight of the repairs and paving on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail from Urbana to the Bear Creek Bridge, Project #5-21A, B & C.

MOTION by Burke, second by Hausmann

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

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

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ITEM R8. Discuss and decide regarding adopting Resolution #2023-9 amending park rules regarding pets and deer tree stands.

Goemaat reviewed Resolution #2023-9 amending park rules regarding pets and tree stands.

MOTION by Burke, second by Kanz

To approve Resolution #2023-9 amending park rules regarding pets and deer tree stands.

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

ITEM R9. Discuss and decide regarding approving a contract for GSB sealer application to two segments of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and authorizing the Director to sign the contract.

Gibbins reviewed a contract for GSB sealer application to two segments of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail.

MOTION by Kanz, second by Burke

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

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

ITEM R10. Discuss and decide regarding approving a bond project for water quality monitoring in Linn County and authorizing staff to forward to the Linn County Bond Review Committee.

Gibbins reviewed a proposed bond project for water quality monitoring in Linn County

MOTION by Burke, second by Hausmann

To approve the project and authorize staff to forward to the Linn County Bond Review Committee.

VOTE: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

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ITEM R11. 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.
2. Updates:
 - a. 2024 budget – Goemaat updated the Board on the proposed budget.
 - b. Legislative update – Goemaat updated the Board on potential SF 516 impacts to acquisition of public lands.
 - c. Tentative opening date for 2023 campground season – Goemaat updated the Board on a tentative opening date for the 2023 campground season on April 7th or April 14th weather depending.
 - d. Support for Mt Vernon water quality testing initiative – Goemaat updated the Board on department support of a new Linn County water quality testing initiative through partnership with residents in the Mt. Vernon area.

ITEM R12. Public comment

None.

ITEM R13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM. Daniel Gibbins typed the above minutes.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary