



Board Members

Joellen Schantz
Vacant
Josh Hardin
Brad Quigley
Elizabeth Kling

Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2023; 3:00 pm at Chinkapin Bluffs Recreation Area.

Board Present: Elizabeth Kling, Josh Hardin, Brad Quigley, and Joellen Schantz

Staff Present: Katie Hammond and Noah Robb

Public Present (3 total): Adam Shutt, Clinton Ryan, Jim Rudisill (press), & Sam Willson.

Meeting Called to Order: at 3:00 pm by Hardin.

Agenda Approval: A motion was made by Brad Quigley to approve the agenda, second by Schantz. Motion passed with all ayes.

Audience Consideration: None.

Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Schantz to approve the consent agenda including \$13,180.55 in general basic claims and \$896.89 from Reserve. A deposit of \$1,841 was made to Revenue and \$8,442.31 transferred from the online account to Revenue in April. Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023 were included. Second by Brad Quigley. Motion passed with all ayes.

Open bids for Ag Leases on farm ground: Motion by Kling to approve the high bid of \$9,880 for Chinkapin Bluffs and \$6,310 for Cairo Woods from Boe McLaughlin and \$11,374 for Indian Slough from Chad Hayes. Second by Brad Quigley. Motion passed with all ayes.

Indian Slough Wildlife Area – land survey: No action was taken, after a discussion with Adam Shutt, it was decided to rebid the project to include pinning the interior easements.

Budget Amendment – Motion was made by Brad Quigley to approve a budget amendment. The Amendment will raise the Public Education Services expenditure from \$8,800 to \$15,000 and the Operations Supervisor Salary from \$53,019 to \$64,500 due to Snyder’s retirement payout. Overall there is an increase of \$17,681 in expenditures. Revenue from the sale of land (Hoover Nature Trail) is being increased from \$0 to \$59,605 and Private Donations for Eden Park is being raised from \$39,000 to \$57,124. An overall increase in revenue of \$77,729. Second by Kling. Motion passed with all ayes.

Update on Eden Park water bottle filling station: No action was taken. Discussion was held on updates including electric and water run.

Director Update – Hammond reported that porta pots were being placed in county areas for the summer. The John Deere mower isn't expected to arrive until August. Hammond also shared some EE numbers and information about upcoming programs.

Maintenance Update – Robb reported that staff had been busy conducted prescribed burns, installing pumps and getting the water turned on in areas, and mowing is in full swing. Flaming Prairie and Snively had to be closed due to high water and flooding on the Mississippi River.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2023, at 3:00 pm at Snively Campground. The Louisa County Complex will be a back-up location. No zoom available.

Adjournment: Motion by Brad Quigley to set the meeting and adjourn, second by Kling. Motion passed with all ayes.

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved

*Chair – Hardin Vice-chair – Elizabeth Kling
Secretary/Treasurer – Joellen Schantz*

*Louisa County Bylaws regarding voting by the Chair/Acting Chair:

According to Article II, number 2.4 of the Louisa County Conservation Board Bylaws, "At all meetings that a full quorum is present, the board chair does not vote except to break a tie. In a three-member quorum, all persons present cast a vote."