

**Black Hawk County Conservation Board
Minutes**

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board met on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 1346 West Airline Highway, Waterloo, IA and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Mike Bonser, President, at 5:00 PM.

Roll call members present: Jenny Murphy, Mike Bonser, Terri Rogers & Adam Sacquitne.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Staff Present:

Mike Hendrickson, Executive Director	Nikki Koelling, Office Manager
Cherrie Northrup, Planning Administrator	Al Finke, South Unit Ranger
Amy Davison, Nature Center Manager	Karl Kozak, North Unit Ranger
Jim Weimer, Wildlife Conservationist II	

AGENDA

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Sacquitne to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Sacquitne, seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023, board meeting. Motion Carried.

BILLS

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Rogers to approve the bills submitted. Motion Carried.

VISITORS

Heather Prendergast, Assistant County Attorney	Linda Laylin, BHC Board of Supervisors
Tavis Hall, BHC Board of Supervisors	Michelle Weidner, BHC Finance Director

VISITOR(S) CONCERNS:

None.

RESOLUTION – WILDLIFE HABITAT STAMP DEVELOPMENT GRANT – *Al Finke*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Sacquitne to move the following resolution: Resolution of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board, Black Hawk County, Iowa approving application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Habitat Stamp Development Program for prairie development at the Cedar Island Wildlife Area.

AYES: Bonser, Sacquitne, Murphy, Rogers.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – BLACK HAWK COUNTY GAMING ASSOCIATION GRANT– *Cherrie*

Northrup

Motion by Sacquitne, seconded by Murphy to move the following resolution: Resolution of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board, Black Hawk County, Iowa approving application to the Black Hawk County Gaming Association for Casey Lake Restoration Project funding.

AYES: Rogers, Bonser, Murphy, Sacquitne.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

TEMPORARY EASEMENT, HARTMAN BLUFF STATE PRESERVE– *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Sacquitne to approve the Temporary Construction Easement with the City of Cedar Falls, pending the Assistant County Attorney’s final review & authorize the Executive Director to sign the same. Motion Carried.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – *Jim Weimer*

Wildlife staff has been busy removing walnut trees in accordance with the Cedar Valley Nature Trail Restoration Plan.

UNIT RANGER REPORTS – *Al Finke/Karl Kozak*

North Unit:

Staff has been busy with park maintenance & cutting firewood. Staff has also been helping to chip brush along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. The Ice Harvest Festival was held on February 4th at Big Woods Lake; there was a great turnout.

South Unit:

Staff has been busy cutting firewood, refinishing the cabin & lodge floors & helping with chipping brush along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail.

NATURE CENTER REPORT – *Amy Davison*

Maple Syrup Festival will be held on March 10th, 11th & 12th & the Sticky Stride race will be held on March 11th. Staff will begin tapping trees on February 20th. Staff has been busy planning Spring Break camps and preparing for Field Trips.

DIRECTORS REPORT – *Mike Hendrickson*

The March BHCCB meeting will need to be moved to either March 2nd or March 7th due to ISAC being scheduled on March 9th & 10th. A written report was submitted.

ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

None.

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Rogers to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Adjourned 5:46 PM.