

**Black Hawk County Conservation Board
Minutes**

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board met on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 1346 West Airline Highway, Waterloo, IA. The meeting was called to order by Jon McNamee, Chair, at 5:00 PM.

Roll call members present: Jon McNamee, Jenny Murphy & Terri Rogers

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Staff Present:

Mike Hendrickson, Executive Director	Nikki Koelling, Office Manager
Karl Kozak, North Unit Ranger	Al Finke, South Unit Ranger
Cherrie Northrup, Planning Administrator	Kyle Bauch, Wildlife Conservationist I
Troy Petersen, Ranger III	

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Rogers to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 board meeting. Motion Carried.

BILLS

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

VISITORS

Heather Prendergast, Assistant County Attorney

VISITOR(S) CONCERNS:

None.

SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Murphy to authorize Al Finke, South Unit Ranger and Karl Kozak, North Unit Ranger to sign documents in the Executive Directors absence from August 3, 2022 – August 10, 2022. Motion Carried.

WOODCHIPPER BIDS – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Murphy to approve the bid of \$54,300.00 from Vermeer IA & N. Missouri for the purchase of an industrial brush chipper. Motion Carried.

TRUCK BIDS – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Murphy to approve the bid of \$41,180.00 from Dan Deery Motor Company for the purchase of a pick-up truck. Motion Carried.

MOWER BIDS – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Murphy to approve the bid of \$9,220.88 from Stokes Welding for the purchase of a mower. Motion Carried.

ATV LEGISLATION (HF2130) – *Mike Hendrickson*

The Board discussed the new House File 2130 which allows the use of ATVs on county roadways. The Director will be meeting with other county department heads & elected officials to discuss how the county will move forward. This will be discussed again at the August board meeting.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – *Kyle Bauch*

Wildlife Staff has been busy with pollinator plantings & brush clearing in access areas. Staff has also been busy building fish habitat structure for Turkey Ridge Wildlife Area.

UNIT RANGER REPORTS – *Al Finke/Karl Kozak*

North Unit:

Camping has slowed down a bit, but the cabins at Big Woods Lake Campground have remained very busy. Staff has been busy with stump removal at Black Hawk Park & clearing access areas.

South Unit:

Camping has slowed down a bit, but the cabins at Hickory Hills Park have remained very busy. The dump station at Hickory Hills Park has been repaired. Outdoor Journey for Girls ended today at Hickory Hills Park. This is a three-day program for girls aged 12-15 to teach outdoor skills.

NATURE CENTER REPORT – *Amy Davison*

Staff has been very busy with summer camps. The first two Dining on the Deck events are done & were very successful. Blooming Prairie Nursery is holding a native plant sale today at Hartman Reserve; a portion of the sales will be donated back to the Nature Center.

DIRECTORS REPORT – *Mike Hendrickson*

The Phase II kick-off meeting for Casey Lake Restoration Project will be held July 19th. Staff has already started working on the Holiday Light show sponsorship & participants; there has been a great response. A written report was submitted.

ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

Jon McNamee updated the board as to the status/progress of the Cedar Valley River Experience Committee.

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

Adjourned 5:44 PM.

NICHOLE KOELLING

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