

**Black Hawk County Conservation Board
Minutes**

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board met on Thursday, August 11, 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, Mike Bonser & Terri Rogers

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Staff Present:

Mike Hendrickson, Executive Director
Al Finke, South Unit Ranger
Jim Weimer, Wildlife Conservationist II

Nikki Koelling, Office Manager
Cherrie Northrup, Planning Administrator
Amy Davison, Nature Center Manager

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Rogers to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022 board meeting. Motion Carried.

BILLS

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

VISITORS

Linda Laylin, BHC Board of Supervisors

VISITOR(S) CONCERNS:

None.

BLACK HAWK PARK ASPHALT REPAIR BIDS – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Bonser to accept the bid of \$390.00/C.Y. for present surface material reclaiming, \$80.00/ton for granular subbase and \$390.00/ton of asphalt from Aspro, Inc for up to a maximum contract amount of \$10,000.00 to repair various locations on roadways in Black Hawk Park. Motion Carried.

BLACK HAWK PARK LIFT STATIONS REHABILITATION PROJECT BIDS – *Cherrie Northrup*

Motion by Bonser, seconded by Murphy to approve the bid of \$17,720.00 from Quality Pump & Control for rehabilitation of the lift stations at Black Hawk Park. Motion Carried.

HICKORY HILLS COUNTERTOP QUOTES – *Al Finke*

Motion by Bonser, seconded by Rogers to approve the quote of \$4,400.00 from Beals Sheet Metal for fabrication of countertops in the Lakeview Lodge at Hickory Hills Park. Motion Carried.

SEEK, OPEN AND TABULATE BIDS – PRAIRIE HAY – *Jim Weimer*

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Bonser to authorize staff to seek, open & tabulate bids for the sale of prairie hay. Motion Carried.

DESTINATION IOWA GRANT ACCEPTANCE – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Bonser to adopt a resolution accepting a Destination Iowa Grant in partnership with Linn County in the amount of \$3.5 million & authorize the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement subject to the BHC Assistant County Attorney's review.

AYES: McNamee, Murphy, Rogers, Bonser.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT – REAP GRANTS – *Mike Hendrickson*

Motion by Bonser, seconded by Rogers to authorize staff to provide a letter of support for a REAP grant project for the City of Waterloo – Greenbelt Lake Improvements Phase II. Motion Carried.

ATV USE IN BHCC AREAS – *Mike Hendrickson*

No action was taken as BHCC regulations will not change.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – *Jim Weimer*

Wildlife Staff attended a bumble bee workshop put on by the US Fish & Wildlife Service & Iowa State University. Staff placed around 70 fish structures in the lake at Turkey Ridge Wildlife Area on July 8th. Staff has also been mowing prairies & helping pour concrete at Hartman Reserve.

UNIT RANGER REPORTS – *Al Finke*

South Unit:

The seasonal staff will be done working in the next couple of weeks. Trevor Davis & Ben Rindels will be attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy starting August 29th. Staff has several projects coming up including: replacing the steel roof on the Whitetail Cabin & replacing the deck railings on the rustic cabins.

North Unit:

No report.

NATURE CENTER REPORT – *Amy Davison*

Summer Camps are coming to an end on August 19th; all but two of the camps were completely full! Staff will be hosting an open house on October 16th to showcase all the new projects around Hartman. The next native plant sale will be held on September 22nd. This fall, Hartman staff will be going to the Waterloo schools to work with all of the 5th graders for Life Lab. Staff will also be going to Hansen Elementary to run "School of the Wild". This is a week-long course to experience and learn about Iowa's wildlife. Staff have partnered with Iowa PBS & are featured in a video series highlighting nature opportunities in an urban setting.

DIRECTORS REPORT – *Mike Hendrickson*

The BHC Finance Director's last day will be September 2nd. Staff is scheduled to have a conference call tomorrow with the ARPA consultants regarding proposed projects. A written report was submitted.

ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

Jenny Murphy would like to revisit the Black Hawk County Conservation Strategic Plan.

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

Adjourned 6:04 PM.