

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 24, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Carolyn Buckingham, President  
Bill Waldie, Vice President  
Connie Mutel (Zoom)  
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin  
Gene Zdrazil

STAFF MEMBERS:

Brad Freidhof, Interim Director  
Ally Skidmore, Office Assistant  
Dave Gustafson, Asst. Op. Supt.  
Charlie Bray, Ranger II  
Aaron Ohlsen, Ranger I

OTHER STAFF:

Ryan Maas, County Attorney  
Ines Beltre, Human Resources  
Lindsay Jones, Human Resources  
Lisa Green-Douglass, BOS

President Carolyn Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of August 20, 2024. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$30,866.29, department 35 ARPA F.W. Kent Park Shower House Site Improvement Phase 1 in the amount of \$94,949.03, department 40 in the amount of \$738.88, department 82 in the amount of \$86,369.37, and department 83 in the amount of \$1,336.00. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Acting Director Brad Freidhof reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Margaret Reihman, Oxford, IA introduced themselves.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Conservation Director Job Description review.

Discussion only.

2. Discussion/Action – Conservation Director position recruiting process.

Discussion only.

3. Discussion/Action – Board resolution in Support if the Conservation Bond.

Read by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin.

Motion was made by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin to support the Conservation Bond on the ballot. Seconded by Connie Mutel. Roll call vote as follows;  
Zdrasil: aye, Waldie aye, Winslow-Garvin: aye, Buckingham: aye, Mutel aye.

4. Discussion/Action – Hills Access Campground update and discussion on winter campground closure beginning October 1, 2024

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to update camping season for all county managed campgrounds to April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> and leave discretion of winter camping to Park Rangers/Director. Seconded by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with unanimous vote.

5. Discussion/Action – Farm lease updates for Pechman Creek Delta, Sutliff Operations Center and Cangleska Wakan. Discussion on terms and lengths of agreements.

Discussion only.

6. Utility easement request for MidAmerican Energy

Discussion only.

7. Possible closed session per 21.5(1)(g) Code of Iowa to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection.

No closed session.

8. Motion was made by Bill Waldie to go into closed session at 7:53 pm regarding potential purchase of particular real estate per 21.5(1)(j) Code of Iowa to discuss purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Seconded by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a roll-call vote as follows: Buckingham aye, Winslow-Garvin: aye, Waldie aye, Zdrzil: aye, Mutel: aye.

Board came back into open session at 8:18 pm

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30 pm – Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

Signature on File  
Carolyn Buckingham, President

Signature on File  
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary