

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 16, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bill Waldie, President  
Zac Hall  
Connie Mutel  
Carolyn Buckingham (Zoom)  
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin

STAFF MEMBERS:

Brad Freidhof, Director  
Dory Kjosa, Office Manager  
Dave Gustafson, Asst. Op. Supt.  
Charlie Bray, Ranger II

Others present: Lisa Green-Douglass, Board of Supervisors, Ryan Maas, Assistant County Attorney

President Bill Waldie called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Special Meeting minutes of November 11, 2025, the Joint Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025, and the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025. Second by Zac Hall with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Zac Hall to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$20,737.63, department 32 in the amount of \$26.87, department 40 in the amount of \$840.59, department 82 in the amount of \$78,225.59, and department 83 in the amount of \$379,982.61. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Brad Freidhof reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Samantha Solimeo, Melissa Silver, and Friends of Johnson County Conservation representatives Deb Quade & Lynette Seigley were present.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Iowa Water Quality Network funding request from Larry Weber, Director of the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research – Hydrosience and Engineering (HHR), from the November 17, 2025, Joint Meeting with the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

It was the consensus of the board to proceed with a donation upon receipt of a formal request and confirmation the Johnson County sensors will continue to be used and that other funding will be committed.

2. Discussion/Action – Director's evaluation – staff survey.

Discussion only.

3. Discussion/Action – Two Horse Farm & Cangleska Wakan revenues.

Discussion only.

4. Discussion/Action – FY 2027 Budget

The board took a break from 7:21 – 7:27 pm.

Discussion only.

5. Motion was made by Connie Mutel at 7:28 pm to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 21.5(1)(j), 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. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a roll call vote as follows: Winslow-Garvin, aye; Hall, aye; Mutel, aye; Buckingham, aye; Waldie, aye.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:20 pm.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Conservation Department budget presentation to the Board of Supervisors – Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 9 am – Noon in the JC Board of Supervisors Boardroom 301, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Health & Human Services Building, 855 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa.

Next Regular of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 5:30 pm – Johnson County Administration Building, Room 120. – Election of Officers &

Review of the By-laws are annual tasks to be completed at the January meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 20th day of January 2026.

Signature on File  
Bill Waldie, President

Signature on File  
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary