

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 25, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, President  
Zac Hall, Secretary  
Connie Mutel  
Carolyn Buckingham, Vice President  
Bill Waldie

STAFF MEMBERS:

Brad Freidhof, Director  
Ally Skidmore, Office Assistant  
Charlie Bray, Ranger II

Others present:

Ryan Maas, Assistant County Attorney

President Bonnie Winslow-Garvin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Zac Hall to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of February 17, 2026 and the Special Meeting minutes of February 19, 2026. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$41,212.40, department 40 in the amount of \$1,125.60, and department 82 in the amount of \$600.00, department 83 in the amount of \$77,644.44. Second by Zac Hall with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Brad Freidhof reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Deb Quade, Lynette Sigley, and Lance Meyer were present.

Business:

1. President Winslow-Garvin opened the Public Hearing at 6:24 pm pursuant to Iowa Code 26.12 on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for a Shower House at the FW Kent Park Campground located at 2048 Highway 6 NW, Oxford, Ia 52322.

No public comments.

President Winslow-Garvin closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 pm.

2. Discussion/Action – Bid review and award for the above project will occur at the April 21, 2026, Johnson County Conservation Board meeting.

Discussion only.

3. Review of the FY2025 Annual Report.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve and submit the FY2025 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Second by Connie Mutel with unanimous vote.

4. Discussion/Action – Review the Floristic inventory, ecosystem assessment, and herbicide effect at Sand Prairie Park in Iowa City, Iowa Report submitted by Dr. Tom Rosburg. Discuss distribution to natural resource management agencies and organizations, and any further action related to a management plan or future involvement.

Discussion only.

5. Discussion/Action – Iowa City AeroHawks RC Flying Club proposal.

It was consensus of the board to continue discussions and considerations with the AeroHawks RC Flying Club.

Board took a break from 7:45pm to 7:51pm

6. Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 7:52 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 Zac Hall with a roll call vote as follows: Winslow-Garvin, aye; Waldie, aye; Buckingham, aye; Mutel, aye; Hall, aye.

The board came out of closed session at 8:58 pm.

Consensus of the board for the director to continue discussions.

7. Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 8:59 pm to go into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are authorized by state law to be kept confidential (work product and/or attorney-client privileged communications), and 21.5(1)(c), to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent, where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Second by Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Winslow-Garvin, aye; Waldie, aye; Buckingham, aye; Mutel, aye; Hall, aye.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:30 pm.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:30 pm.  
Conservation Education Center at F.W. Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board on the 21st day of April 2026.

Signature on File  
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, President

Signature on File  
Zac Hall, Secretary