

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 22, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bonnie Winslow-Garvin  
Bill Waldie  
Zac Hall  
Carolyn Buckingham  
Connie Mutel

STAFF MEMBERS:

Brad Freidhof  
Ally Skidmore  
Charlie Bray  
Dave Gustafson

Others present:

Dave Vancompernelle, Asst. County Attorney

President Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Special Meeting minutes of August 11, 2026 and Regular Meeting minutes of August 18, 2026. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve Fund 01 – General Basic bills in the amount of \$31,544.83, Fund 06 - Technology in the amount of \$4,422.01, Fund 07 – Decision Package in the amount of \$29,432.34, Fund 09 - REAP in the amount of \$6,750.86, Fund 21 – TRUST in the amount of \$12,781.62 and Fund 22 - BOND in the amount of \$165,220.23. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Brad Freidhof reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

No public present.

Business:

1. Fall ICCS Conference reports from staff and board members.

Discussion only.

2. Discussion/Action – Resolution, Letter of Support and Letter of Financial Commitment for a Water Recreation Access Grant (75/25) for a boat ramp at Water Works Park in Iowa City for access to the Iowa River between the Coralville Dam (IC and Coralville) and the Coralville Lake Dam (US Army Corps of Engineers).

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to adopt the resolution. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Mutel, aye; Hall, aye; Buckingham, aye.

3. Discussion/Action – Request from the Iowa Snowdrifters to consider a proposal to allow a storage shed to be built on county property for the purposes of storing their trail groomers, tractors, mowers, signage, etc.

Discussion only.

4. Discussion/Action – OSHA settlement for the Two Horse Farm incident.

Discussion only.

5. Discussion/Action – Ratify and approve settlement agreements in Johnson County Case No. EQCV085928.

Motion was made by Bil Waldie to accept the settlement agreement with Connie Gullett, individually and as executor, as plaintiffs in Case No. EQCV085928. Second by Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Buckingham, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Mutel, aye; Hall, aye.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to accept the settlement agreement with Wade Schultz, as plaintiff in Case No. EQCV085928. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Buckingham, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Mutel, aye; Hall, aye.

6. Discussion/Action – Hiring update.

Discussion only.

7. Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 7:00 p.m. to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j), to discuss the 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: Buckingham, aye; Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Hall, aye.

The board came back into open session at 7:11 pm.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular of the Conservation Board – Tuesday October 20, 2026, 5:30 pm – F.W. Kent Park, Conservation Education Center – 2048 Hwy 6 NW, Oxford, IA.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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

Signature on File  
Carolyn Buckingham, President

Signature on File  
Bill Waldie, Secretary