

Wapello County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting Notice
Monday September 8th, 2025
5:30 PM Meeting
Pioneer Ridge Nature Center (1339 HWY 63, Bloomfield)
Agenda

Call to Order:

Jeff Layton called the meeting to order at 5:31PM

Roll Call:

Jeff Layton, John Henscheid, Aaron Ruff, and Sophie Rotole

Staff Present:

Rick Tebbs, Paul Totten, Hannah Lyons, and Sara Runyan

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved to approve the agenda, John seconded, approved.

Approval of Previous Monthly Meeting Minutes:

John moved to approve the previous monthly meeting minutes, Aaron seconded, the minutes were approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Darren Batterson

Claims:

- **Conservation**

Aaron moved to approve the conservation claims for the month of September, John seconded, approved.

- **Gothic House**

John moved to approve the American Gothic House Center claims for September, Aaron seconded, approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Reinstating Park Ranger Position at WCCB**

Board discussed the need for a park ranger at WCCB. With the growing amount of visitors and incidents in the parks. The WCCB would like to present the BOS with a letter asking them to consider reinstating a park ranger at WCCB for next budget year. Aaron motioned to approve, John seconded, the motion was approved.

- **On Call Staff Policy**

Board discussed on call staff policy. The board requested that the director discuss this with other departments within the county before making a decision. The motion was tabled.

- **Purchase of Security Camera for the Campground**

The board and staff discussed why security cameras were needed for the campground. Noted because of the upgraded camper these things are more recognizable. Aaron moved to approve adding security cameras at the Pioneer Ridge Campground, John seconded, approved.

- **Approval of Week of Vacation for the Gothic House Administrator**

Board discussed the good job the American Gothic House Center. The gothic board approved an additional week of vacation for the administrator. The WCCB has full oversight and approved. The additional week of vacation.

- **Budget Amendments for Campground and Garrison Rock Addition**

Rick presented the board with budget amendments. The budget amendments cover the final expenses for the campground, the purchase of the addition at Garrison Rock. The amendments total \$190,227.33, bringing the total budget to \$1,038,074.33. These amendments cover the final costs for the campground, Garrison Rock addition purchase, campgrounds, school bus grants, and additional cost of workman's compensation. John moved to approve the amendments, Sophie, approved.

- **Annual Report**

Rick presented the board with the annual report for the 24/25 fiscal year. The board commented on how well the annual report looked and the hard work by the staff. The board reviewed and signed the annual report.

- **Annual Conference**

Rick discussed the annual conference with board and staff. There were no questions about the upcoming conference.

American Gothic Board Updates

AGHC Administrator informed the board about Porchfest, iTIP will be hosted at Bridgeview center and they will be setting up an escape room at the AGHC.

Staff Reports and Comments:

None.

Conservation Board Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting, John seconded, approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:11PM