

Clinton County Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes

January 20th, 2025

and Via Zoom

Welcome & Introductions:

The regular meeting of the Clinton County Conservation Board was called to order by Karen Bradway on January 20th at 6:00 pm.

Election of Officers: Jeff Beckwith was nominated as chair with Gloria Friederichsen as vice chair and Brian Grell as Secretary, Slate of Nominees, motion carried.

Board members present: Gloria Friederichsen, Karen Bradway, and Dan Srp.

Staff: Philip Visser and Tiffany Wink

Agenda: The Board approved the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from December 16th, 2026, meeting was presented. Gloria Friederichsen moved to approve the minutes, Dan Srp seconded, motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: Review of current budget report and upcoming expenses.

Approval of Bills: Bills were presented for Conservation, Dan Srp moved to approve the bills; Gloria Friederichsen second, motion carried.

Department Report:

Administrative: All staff helped with the Christmas bird count. We had students for a week from Camanche High School for their J-Term job shadowing EE and Natural Resources.

EE: Due to the holidays school programs slowed down. Jill did a public program with deer tallow making soap, candles, and lotion; it was very well attended. All staff helped with the Christmas bird count. The newsletter is out now for the Winter edition. Naturalists had to take the salamander and fox snake into the vet for treatment.

West District: Dave went and helped Al and Darin with clearing the fence line to 15' clearance along Brookfield trail. Worked on the bathrooms in the parks.

East District: Colton Jones was hired as the new Park Supervisor at Rock Creek. He has been working on the house getting it ready for moving in. Colton received a quote for new docs to replace the old ones, it was around \$200,000, so maybe we just replace the bad docs for now, Phil is looking at grant options to help with the cost.

Eden Valley Nature Center: The aquarium, alligator snapping turtle, and herp displays are installed. Jill is working with Edwards Creative to finish up the Nature Center project as well as the EE mobile trailer.

New Business:

- a) Review of Conservation Board Bylaws – There was discussion about Code 350 and possible adjustments. Phil will meet with Mike Wolf and bring the Bylaws back to the Conservation Board with revisions and recommendations for changes at the next monthly meeting.
- b) Conservation Employee Housing Policy – Phil and the board discussed current housing policies, changes are as follows:
 1. Change job titles and remove “Law enforcement”
 2. Utilities for LP, tenant to leave with 80% propane in tank
 3. To add that the county will cover the dishwasher

Resolution to accept the adoption of the Clinton County Conservation Board Housing Policy with changes.

Be it resolved that the Board accept the Clinton County Housing Policy, as presented to the Board at the January 20th, 2026, regular meeting and hereby authorize the Director or the otherwise authorized representative to oversee the implantation of the aforementioned policy.

Roll Call

Gloria Friedrichsen	Yes
Brian Grell	Absent
Jeff Beckwith	Absent
Dan Srp	Yes
Karen Bradway	Yes

- c) Park Facility Water Systems – Working on getting quotes from a new vendor for conservations water softener needs for our parks, campgrounds and facilities.
- d) Board Member Vacancy – Dan Srp term is up and at this time, he is not seeking re-election. Discussion was held about how the process of taking applications will be, ultimately it will be the Board of Supervisors who make the decision for appointment.

Old Business:

Public Comment:

Adjournment – Karen Bradway to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 17th, 2025 – 6pm - Location Grand Mound or via Zoom

Jeff Beckwith, Chair

Brian Grell, Secretary/Treasurer