

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 8th 2025 4:00 P.M.

Location: Thorpe Park 34496 110th St. Forest City, IA 50436

Board Members Present

Julie Hagenson
Nancy Helm
Jeff Schmidt
Tim Missal
Mark Flatrud

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Chris Barber, Director
Lisa Ralls, Naturalist

Guests

None

Chairman Hagenson called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

The September 8th, 2025, meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The August 8th, 2025, meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Hagenson, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

There was a discussion covering the repairs that have been completed to Thorpe Park following the release of pond water by the neighbor to the north.

An update was given on meetings with Dave Dobson from Martin-Gardner pertaining to the loft addition and building repairs to the flooring, roof, HVAC, and ceiling cracks.

Preliminary options for a Hanson Nature Center logo were reviewed. No action was taken.

There was discussion on partnership and funding opportunities through Pheasants Forever to plant forb enhancement sections at the nature center and perennial native food plots at some of our wildlife areas.

An update was given on planning progress for the Fall Fest event.

Claims were approved for payment with a motion by Helm, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with at 4:55 p.m. with a motion by Missal, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Following the meeting there was a tour of Thorpe Park and Florence Park.