

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Annual Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, April 13th, 2026 8:00 A.M.

Location: Hanson Nature Center 41600 Hwy 69 Leland, IA 50453

Board Members Present

Tim Missal
Nancy Helm
Mark Flatrud
Julie Hagenson
Jeff Schmidt

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Chris Barber
Lisa Ralls
Rick Lillie
Nicole Templeton

Guests

Susan Smith, Terry Durby
Dan Ryerson

Chairperson Schmidt called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The April 13th, 2026 meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Helm, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The February 9th, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Missal, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

The board was given the land swap proposal from Dan Ryerson to review. After continued discussion a motion was made by Helm, seconded by Missal, to reject the proposal and retain the old railway property south of C.A. Block. Vote was 4-1 with Flatrud voting nay for the reasons of gathering more public opinion on the matter. Motion carried.

Following discussion on the 2026 cabin rental rates and policy changes for the new cabin, a motion was made by Helm, seconded by Schmidt, to set the rates at \$130/weeknight and \$150/weekend night and to name the cabin the Sandhill Cabin. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Missal, seconded by Helm, to use mycountyparks.com as our online cabin reservation system to streamline the process and improve marketing. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A contract with Legge Farms was approved to cover the roadside weed and brush spraying for 2026 following a motion by Missal, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

There was discussion on purchasing a new broom sweeper attachment for the skid loader to clear the bike trail and clean gravel and debris from parking areas. The issue was tabled and we will look into the cost of renting vs. purchasing.

The 2026 lease for the Gruis/Tri-County Recreation Area was approved with a motion by Missal, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Helm, seconded by Missal. Unanimous. Motion carried.