

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Annual Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, May 11th 2026 8:00 A.M.

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

Board Members Present

Tim Missal
Nancy Helm
Jeff Schmidt
Julie Hagenson

Board Members Absent

Mark Flatrud

Staff Present

Chris Barber
Lisa Ralls
Rick Lillie
Nicole Templeton

Guests

Susan Smith

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

The May 11th, 2026 meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Hagenson, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The April 13th, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Missal, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Helm, seconded by Missal, to purchase an angled broom sweeper attachment for the skid loader from North Central Sales and Services. Unanimous. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the nature center rental by NextEra for an open house pertaining to their Lake Mills wind project. No action taken.

The board discussed the development of a long-term plan for facilities and the department. We will look into hiring a local contractor to fix structural deficiencies with the Ambrosen walking bridge. No action taken.

Director Barber updated the board on the upcoming habitat improvement projects at Walker Prairie and the County Home Farm.

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

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Hagenson, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.