

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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

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

Board Members Present

Jeff Schmidt

Nancy Helm

Mark Flatrud

Julie Hagenson

Board Members Absent

Tim Missal

Staff Present

Chris Barber

Lisa Ralls

Rick Lillie

Nicole Templeton

Guests

Susan Smith, Terry Durby, Bill Jensvold

AJ Taylor, Marcia Tweeten, Crystal Ozee, Matt Dauboul, Chelsey Ostrander

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

The May 8th, 2026 meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Hagenson, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

NextEra Energy discussed an easement request for the old railroad right-of-way south of C.A. Block Wildlife Area. The easement would allow them to bore under the property for the purpose of installing electrical transmission lines. The board discussed the proposal at length and board member Schmitt proposed a counter offer. No action was taken.

Director Barber updated the board on the minor wind damage that occurred during recent storms.

A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Hagenson, to purchase an articulating brush mower attachment for the skid loader. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Claims were approved for payment.

Board member Helm informed the board that she is resigning from the conservation board and turned in a letter of resignation.

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