

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Annual Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, July 12th, 2026 8:00 A.M.

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

Board Members Present

Jeff Schmidt
Doug Bruhns
Mark Flatrud
Tim Missal

Board Members Absent

Julie Hagenson

Staff Present

Chris Barber
Lisa Ralls
Nicole Templeton

Guests

Susan Smith

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

There was a lengthy discussion with members of the public about weed spraying, wild parsnip, and other weeds. Discussion generally revolved around how more funding needs to be allocated to weed control in the public right-of-ways.

The July 12th, 2026 meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Missal, seconded by Flatrud. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The June 8th, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with corrections by a motion from Schmidt, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Following discussion and questions with NextEra Energy a motion was made by Flatrud, seconded by Missal to approve the easement agreement. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Missal, seconded by Bruhns, to trade in the ½ ton and ¾ ton pickup and snow plow. Unanimous. Motion carried.

An update was given on the nature center exhibit project and fundraising.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.