

# Clinton County Conservation Board

## Meeting Minutes

February 17th, 2025  
and Via Zoom

### **Welcome & Introductions:**

The regular meeting of the Clinton County Conservation Board was called to order by Karen Bradway on February 17th at 6:01 pm.

**Board members present:** Gloria Friederichsen, Karen Bradway, Brian Grell, and Brian Tugana.

**Guests:** Emily Naylor via Zoom

**Staff:** Philip Visser and Tiffany Wink

**Agenda:** The Board approved the agenda.

### **New Business:**

- a) Rock Creek Dredging Engineer Presentation – Emily Naylor with Boltman Inc. Engineering out of Des Moines joined the meeting via Zoom to present a proposal for the beginning stages of figuring out the dredging project costs and feasibility of Schricker Slough to improve access to Rock Creek Marina.

**Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from January 20th, 2026, meeting was presented. Karen Bradway moved to approve the minutes, Brian Tugana seconded, motion carried.

**Financial/Treasurer's Report:** Review of current budget report and upcoming expenses.

**Approval of Bills:** Bills were presented for Conservation, Brian Grell moved to approve the bills; Karen Bradway second, motion carried.

**Department Report:** Staff attended the annual Winterfest. The Friends meeting is tonight, and the Foundation meeting is next week. This weekend is the Winter Fun Day and Polar plunge at Rock Creek.

**Administrative:** Phil attended the supervisor meeting and is working on a Lincolnway Community Foundation Grant for Walnut Grove Pickleball/Basketball court. An approximate rough estimate is around \$19,000 with concrete and supplies.

EE: Hannah held a winter walk at Sherman Park trail. Naturalists have been busy with In-school programs now and will be switching to field trips in the middle of April. They have also spent a lot of time training for the new Star Lab; it is more intensive and has many different programs within the system.

Naturalists are working on getting Eden Valley Nature Center ready, pulling some old things out of the storage unit. Hoping to have the EE trailer ready by Springfling.

West District: Kerry has been working with DNR for water quality at Eden Valley Nature Center and Walnut Grove, making sure we have all the permitting needed to be compliant. They also painted the doors in community room and cabins at Eden Valley.

East District: The aquarium is almost completed and looks amazing. There was a good-sized water line break that Al and Darin went and helped Colten get repaired. Colton has been busy redoing the house painting and fixing the doorways and trim.

NR: The removal of trees and brush have been completed at Brookfield Trail. They have been working out at Manikowski clearing invasives and trees. Did some burning at Lost Nation 40 addition last week to make room for new seeding.

### **New Business:**

- a) New Board Member Induction – Brian Tugana is our new Conservation Board Member replacing Dan Srp. Brian introduced himself and shared some of his accomplishments.
- b) Sherman Park Residence Remodel – Phil discussed with the board on the need of remodeling the kitchen in the house at Sherman Park. Karen Bradway motioned to move forward with the project, Brian Tugana seconded, motion carried.
- c) Clinton County Development Association Spring Grant – This is for the Huffcutt restrooms at Follets and Killdeer both being a single stall unit. Estimated costs is \$50,000.00

**Resolution** to approve the Clinton County Conservation Board's Application to the Clinton County Development Association (CCDA) for the construction of the new vault restroom facilities at Follett's Park and Killdeer Recreational Area.

**Whereas** the Clinton County Conservation Board commits to cover any additional costs associated with the construction of these facilities not provided for by a grant awarded by the Clinton County Development Association.

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Board authorizes the executive director to submit the application to the Clinton County Development Association on its behalf.

Roll Call

Gloria Friedrichsen	Yes
Brian Grell	Yes
Jeff Beckwith	Absent
Brian Tugana	Yes
Karen Bradway	Yes

- d) Conservation Board Seat on Clinton County Conservation Foundation – Discussion was held about the need for a replacement Conservation Board Member to be seated on the Conservation Foundation Board since Dan Srp not seeking re-election. It was decided to table until next month.

**Old Business:**

- a) Review of Conservation Board Bylaws – Phil discussed the need for language change in the Bylaws:
1. 7.2 \$5,000
  2. 7.4 – State Code
  3. 7.6 & 7.7 – removed – report state code.
- b) Park Facility Water Systems Update – Tiffany has been working with Kirby Water Conditioning in getting quotes to update our current system that we have with Culligan. We will be adding a system to the Rock Creek Eco Center and changing what we currently have at Eden Valley Nature Center and Grand Mound.
- c) Rock Creek Eco Center Railing – Working with Jeff Beckwith on getting the brackets installed under the railings on the deck at Rock Creek Eco Center.

**Public Comment:** Phil is going to be off a couple times in March.

Adjournment – Karen Bradway to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 17th, 2025 – 6pm - Location Grand Mound or via Zoom

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Jeff Beckwith, Chair

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Brian Grell, Secretary/Treasurer