

# Clinton County Conservation Board

## Meeting Minutes

July 22nd, 2025

and Via Zoom

### **Welcome & Introductions:**

The regular meeting of the Clinton County Conservation Board was called to order by Karen Bradway on July 22nd at 6:01 pm.

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

**Staff:** Philip Visser and Tiffany Wink

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

### **6:05 P.M. Opening of Bids for Eden Valley Storage Shed:**

We received 2 bids for the Eden Valley Shed project –

1. Connolly Excavating Inc. for \$71,280.20 Structure and Electrical, \$21,365.75 Alternate 1, \$5981.41 Alternate 2.
2. Beckwith Commercial Roofing, Inc. for \$52,200 Structure, \$4,700 Electrical, \$55,000 Alternate 1, and \$62,000 Alternate 2.

After the board members and Phil had discussion about the bids Brian Grell motioned to not accept the bids due to cost increases, Gloria Friederichsen seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from June 17th, 2025, meeting was presented. Brian Grell moved to approve the minutes, Gloria Friederichsen 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; Gloria Friederichsen seconded, motion carried.

### **Department Report:**

**Administrative:** Camping numbers are up. Tiffany, Al, Emma, Eric, Phil and Gloria were all able to spend time at the Clinton County Fair Conservation Booth and was a success. Phil is working on a grant for a possible dredging project at Rock Creek. Phil also worked with

AI on inventory of fixed assets. AI is a certified UTV trainer now and will be training all staff with UTVs.

EE Report: Naturalists have been busy with summer camps and public programs. Cerro Gordo County Conservation camped at Eden Valley Bunk house

NR: Darin is putting together the appreciation event for the Lost Nation 40 addition, please RSVP if you're coming. Mockridge has been overtaken with invasives, Darin and Phil are checking into pricing for spraying the area with a drone

East District: The Triathlon didn't happen due to weather

### **New Business:**

- a) Concrete Replacement at Grand Mound Shop – We received two quotes for addressing the tilting concrete toward the Grand Mound building and ADA requirements.
  - 1. Hammertime at \$12,344
  - 2. Meggars at \$10,332

Brian Grell motioned to move forward with Meggars, Gloria Friedrichsen seconded, motion carried.

- b) Commercial Driver's License Bonus Policy – Conservation currently has four employees who have their CDL licenses.

Resolution to approve and accept the Clinton County Conservation Commercial Driver License Policy.

Whereas the Clinton County Conservation Board approves the Commercial Driver License Policy as presented at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting:

### **Roll Call**

Gloria Friedrichsen	Yes
Brian Grell	Yes
Jeff Beckwith	Absent
Dan Srp	Absent
Karen Bradway	Yes

- c) Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Review - Phil presented the Board with the final budget report from fiscal year 2025. Starting with revenues, he said that the Board ended up being about \$60,000 over the goals.

For expenses, the board was \$182,761,.97 under budget, before adjusting for the committal of funds to FY2026. After the committal, the budget surplus will be \$82,761.97. Phil pointed out that this is due to the board being \$74,014.74 under budget in the seasonal salaries and wages line. He also pointed out that there are several lines that the board was overbudget on, including park supplies and mower and equipment repair.

**Old Business:**

- a) New Vehicle/Equipment Purchases for FY2026 - Phil ordered the new Ford Escape for FY2026 from Stivers Ford in Des Moines for \$28,901.00. It should be available for pick-up within 3 months.

**Public Comment:**

Adjournment – Karen Bradway to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 – 6pm - Location Grand Mound or via Zoom

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Karen Bradway, Chair

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Gloria Friederichsen, Secretary/Treasurer