

Clinton County Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2025
and Via Zoom

Welcome & Introductions:

The regular meeting of the Clinton County Conservation Board was called to order by Karen Bradway on September 16th at 6:00 pm.

Board members present: Gloria Friederichsen, Karen Bradway, Dan Srp, Jeff Beckwith and Brian Grell via zoom.

Staff: Philip Visser, Kyle Redmond, and Tiffany Wink

Agenda: The Board approved the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from August 19th, 2025, meeting was presented. Dan Srp 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, Gloria Friederichsen moved to approve the bills; Jeff Beckwith seconded, motion carried.

Department Report:

EE Report: Naturalists have been busy with field trips at Rock Creek almost every day for the last two weeks. We had the Creating an Angler event, Thursday evening Heron cruises at Rock Creek and Emma was able to do a Herping program at Ringneck Marsh. Jill assisted with youth outdoor skills and Clinton night out.

NR: Darin and Al were able to get some controlled burning done at McAndrews and they would like to do a couple more locations. Phil went around to public hunting areas on Dove opener and saw 39 vehicles from multiple different counties. We were able clean up the access to Brophy Creek Wildlife area, one of the neighbors planted corn in the roadway the goes back to the wildlife area.

Administrative: We had a department head meeting yesterday and did well. We needed to provide information to the auditor for ICAP on all the "county owned structures" we

have for assignment of replacement values for insurance purposes. Phil also met with the DNR for work access grant, and we reviewed the Safety Policy.

West District: On Labor Day weekend, Kari and the Camp Host held duck races at Eden Valley and it was very well attended. They also are having some issues with the 1 Ton truck; it is going to the shop for an estimate for repairs.

East District: Kyle and Colton have been working on cabin doors at Rock Creek and just finished the last one, and also the fish tank. Seasonals are done for the season.

New Business:

- a) Rock Creek Eco Center Aquarium – Kyle discussed the need for upgrading the Large fish tank system. He received a quote from Adam Marietta at Aquatic Environments, explaining where our system went wrong and was ultimately set up incorrectly in 2013. There was discussion with Kyle, Phil and the board about what is needed for the aquarium system for the future. Phil also informed the board that there is a donor who has expressed interest in covering the cost for items 6-9 which is about \$16,000 and go through the foundation. The board would like Phil to get more information.
- b) Rock Creek Septic System Repair – The septic system at Rock Creek was designed to have annual maintenance done. Staff were unaware of this and have since had A1 Waste Water Solutions out working on it to get it running properly and getting upgrades completed.
- c) Conservation Board Employee Compensation – Discussion held about employees being brought up to the 25th percentile within their pay bands. Jeff Beckwith motioned to advance pay resolution to the Board of Supervisors, Gloria Friederichsen seconded the motion, motion carried.

Old Business:

- a) Vault Restrooms at Follet's Park/Killdeer Recreation Area – Phil discussed the need for upgrading restrooms; however, he recommends holding off for now. We have so other items that may come up for repairs.

- b) Dredging at Rock Creek Marina – Phil has met with Iowa DNR for water access grant and received an email from the Federal Lands Grant that opened. Phil would like to bring in an engineering company/consultant for the dredging project. Consulting fees can be covered by the grant. The Fish and Wildlife Grant would like to see a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors that shows full intent on completing the project.

East District Strategic Planning Discussion –

The Board discussed strategic planning for the east district of the Conservation Board, including Rock Creek Campground and Marina, Camp Miss Elk Ton, Malone Park, and Killdeer Recreation Area. Phil had said that he did not feel it would be a good idea to add a new cabin unless there were additional staff to help with it. He stated that the current staff is spread thin.

There was also discussion on working with the City of Camanche to get a trail running between the city and the park. Phil said that ultimately, he would like to see a trail running from Camanche to LeClaire. The Board discussed starting a trail committee that would include the communities in the area.

The Board also discussed paving the roadway going through Rock Creek Campground and Phil said that he would work on a plan that would include phases and priorities for paving.

Public Comment:

Adjournment – Karen Bradway to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 – 6pm - Location Grand Mound or via Zoom

Karen Bradway, Chair

Gloria Friederichsen, Secretary/Treasurer