

Clinton County Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes

October 21st, 2025
and Via Zoom

Welcome & Introductions:

The regular meeting of the Clinton County Conservation Board was called to order by Jeff Beckwith on October 21st at 6:00 pm.

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

Staff: Philip Visser, Karri Rutenbeck, and Tiffany Wink

Agenda: The Board approved the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from September 16th, 2025, meeting was presented. Brian Grell moved to approve the minutes, Karen Bradway seconded, motion carried.

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

Approval of Bills: Bills were presented for Conservation, Karen Bradway moved to approve the bills; Dan Srp seconded, motion carried.

Department Report:

EE Report: Fieldtrip season is over and in November the Naturalists will be moving into in-school programs. Halloween at Rock Creek was successful, we had a movie night, pumpkin carving, crafts, and an archery shoot.

West: Halloween events were well attended this year, and we were able to provide wagon rides. Culverts were added to replace the bridges on the walking trails to the back valley, this would also allow REC to get back there if we ever needed power line repairs. The Bunkhouse has been all-stained and has better attendance with all the upgrades. Starting to winterize the parks, Sherman is done, Walnut Grove and Eden Valley will be completed tomorrow.

East: Kyle and Colton have Rock Creek winterize, they also did a lot for the Halloween event with hayrack rides, bag tournament and they built a photo backdrop.

NR: The new skid loader is here and is going to stay with Natural Resources. NR old one was taken to Rock Creek after it was cleaned completely. Rock Creek's old skid loader is going to be auctioned off on Purple Wave auction.

Administrative: Phil was able to go to Leadership training at Marion County held by ICCS. The water access grant has been submitted, and Phil is going to apply for another grant for Fish & Wildlife that is not open yet. We are also preparing for the Conservation Foundation Banquet on November 1st.

New Business:

a) Fall FY2026 Budget Amendment –

Resolution to authorize the proposal for an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Whereas the Clinton County Conservation Board proposes to the Board of Supervisors the following budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2026:

Account Number	Line Description	Reason for Amendment	New Amount
0001-22-6110-000-10000	Salaries and Wages	CDL Bonus Policy	\$ 593,513.00
0001-22-6110-000-63100	Heavy Equipment Purchases	Purchase of 2025 Kubota SVL 75-3	\$ 69,000.00
0001-22-6110-000-44010	Equipment Repair	Repairs to Lower Unit of Blue Heron Motor	\$ 13,000.00
0030-22-0210-000-60500	LACI Park Development	Aquarium and Audio-Visual Project and Committal of Funds (Being Reimbursed by the CCCF)	\$ 287,000.00
0001-22-6110-000-44100	Building Maintenance	Committal of Funds	\$ 173,000.00

Roll Call

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

- b) Safety Policy Review/Approval – Phil discussed the Safety Policy and there were a couple things he went over on the section under working outdoors that is in relation to exposure to poisonous plants and ticks, if first aid is needed employees shall notify their supervisor and call the company nurse.

Old Business:

- a) Rock Creek Aquarium Update – Phil updated the board on the plan for the large fish tank. We will be switching up the filtration system, adding a water softener, and doing some upgrades. Staff will be going in and cleaning the tank every other week which takes 2 people to do, lights have been moved away from the glass, we will be adding a sludge destroyer and copper sulfate to help cut down on the algae.

West District Strategic Planning Discussion –

1. Deck on the Bunkhouse Cabin and steps coming down will need to be replaced and is not currently up to code. We would also like to extend it out.
2. Back valley Vault Restroom – We will not be able to get a Huffcutt style back there. Karri was thinking we would need masonry to build it, possibly leaning on contracting out the project.
3. Sherman Park shower house - This needs a remodel, with more of a moisture barrier.
Would like to add more electrical site as well.
4. Eden Valley Restroom – Would like to do a refresh and get the water to drain out the back instead of out the front door.
5. Walnut Grove – We would like to replace the volleyball court with a concrete basketball court/pickball court.

- Upgrading all the electrical post to Hydro Hoist
6. Adding concrete, a concrete patio to campsites with focus on ADA and Camp Hosts sites first.

Public Comment:

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 18th, 2025 – 6pm - Location Grand Mound or via Zoom

Karen Bradway, Chair

Gloria Friederichsen, Secretary/Treasurer