

Clinton County Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2025
and Via Zoom

Welcome & Introductions:

The regular meeting of the Clinton County Conservation Board was called to order by Jeff Beckwith on May 18th at 6:00 pm.

Board members present: Gloria Friederichsen, Brian Grell, Jeff Beckwith and Karen Bradway.

Staff: Philip Visser and Tiffany Wink

Agenda: The Board approved the agenda

Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from April 21st, 2026, meeting was presented. Karen Bradway moved to approve the minutes, Brian Grell 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 second, motion carried.

Department Report:

EE: Naturalists have been doing field trips almost every day and not as many public programs. The Eden Valley Nature Center project nearing completion, still fixing the HERPS Display due to there being openings that the snakes could get out.

West District: Phil was able to help with the cabin deck at Eden Valley that was damaged by a tree. The on-demand water heater in the shower house went out and needed replaced. The stove at the residents also broke and was replaced as well.

East District: Colten and Katie were able to get all the docks in with the help of Al and Darin and repaired the ones that needed it. They also ordered new tables and chairs for the Eco Center and Tiffany helped with the mowing.

We have had a couple seasonal employees that have started already.

New Business:

- a) Rock Creek Electrical Renovations Expenses – Work is almost done, Colton working on it with Mid American and American Electric. ARPA money is exhausted, so we need to decide where we want to pay the remainder of the cost to come out of. There was an increase in the cost that was related to the engineering fees and addition of the stairs to platforms and Mid American added \$50,000 to get their service in. Brian Grell motioned to pay \$18,562 out of the Park Maintenance line and \$17,091 out of the LACI fund /Karen Bradway seconded.
- b) Conservation Board Capital Improvement Project List – Phil let the Conservation Board know that the Budget Director called and at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors, Phil needed to come up with a Capital Project list. The county is looking at a spend down of its reserve balances, it is related to a state code.
- c) AED Replacements – Phil would like to replace a couple of the older AED units. After some discussion, the Conservation Board would like to know if ours needs to be replaced. Phil will check on all the units we have.

Old Business:

- a) Conservation Board Employee Job Title Adjustments – Phil let the board know that we had two employees who changed titles and pay bands. Alan Ketelsen and Anton Green went from Maintenance Technician 1 to Maintenance Technician 2 with a B21 pay band, however that has now been retitled to Conservation Technician.

The other title that has been changed is Maintenance Technician 3 is now going to be Senior Conservation Technician and will be in the B22 pay band.

- b) Solar Project at the Grand Mound Conservation Office – Phil let the Conservation Board know about the county looking at having solar panels installed at a few county properties. Conservation Grand Mound location was one of the locations, Phil let the board know that he does not want to move forward with that project.
- c) Rock Creek Eco Center Deck Repairs and Gutters – Jeff Beckwith explained to the board members on what exactly was needed for the replacement of the brackets

on the deck at Rock Creek Eco Center due to rusting. There needs to be 490 brackets replaced at \$38/per bracket for a total of \$18,879. The bid to add the gutters for the entire building was \$9,810. After some discussion, Gloria Friederichsen motioned to accept the bid for the joists and to do the gutters next fiscal year/Karen Bradway

Public Comment:

Adjournment – Jeff Beckwith to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 16th, 2025 – 6pm - Location Grand Mound or via Zoom

Jeff Beckwith, Chair

Brian Grell, Secretary/Treasurer