

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Boone County Courthouse, 1st floor conference room

Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Gary Nystrom, Brian Bales

Members absent: Lisa Kobernusz, Pat Hagan

Employees present: Ex. Dir. Chelsie Wilson, Ranger Cooper Sanor, Zach Stevens, Larry Schoop

Chair Nystrom officially called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Schieltz made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Bales. Motion passed.

Schieltz motioned to postpone approval of the minutes of the previous meeting until next month's meeting. Not all board members have had a chance to read them yet.

The board opened the floor for any public comments. A guest asked if letters for cart storage renewals will be sent out soon. Ex. Dir. Wilson said she is just waiting on a new logo to be chosen, which should be approved today, and then these letters will go out.

Executive director Wilson presented the monthly bills totaling \$12,208.43. Bills this month included new fiberglass camp site markers, a new dryer for the Don Williams ranger house, disposal of a lot of old oil and paint, ranger truck decals, oil for the shop, and a dumpster rental to clean out the basement of the old clubhouse. There was also a payment of \$51,954.55 to Burkett Construction for the new clubhouse. Schieltz made a motion to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Bales. Passed.

Old Business

Don Williams new clubhouse update: Ex. Dir. Wilson shared that there was a theft of a large electrician's toolbox from the parking lot of the clubhouse construction site. A police report was filed. Power to the old clubhouse should be run soon, and then the new septic system can be put in. The meter needs to be moved to the south side of the building. Chair Nystrom suggested checking with the septic system installer to make sure moving the meter does not interfere with his work or placement of the septic system. Chair Nystrom also reported that we have had issues with the HVAC subcontractor, but he is working to make sure things get back on track and they conform to the required specs.

FY27 Budget Update: we are still waiting on the county supervisors who are waiting on the state legislature. The supervisors are meeting tonight, so hopefully there will be some update soon.

New Business:

Election of officers: Bales motioned to nominate the current slate of officers to be renewed for 2026. Schieltz seconded. Passed. The officers will retain their same positions. Chair Nystrom, Vice Chair Hagan, Secretary Schieltz.

Clubhouse lease holder 2026: We had two applicants apply for the position. Both are local and know the course. The board discussed having a subcommittee of Lisa and Brian meet with both candidates for some short interviews this week and make a decision.

Golf course logo: Ex. Dir. Wilson presented 14 possible logos that were designed for the Don Williams golf course. Schieltz made a motion to approve option C1. Seconded by Nystrom. Approved.

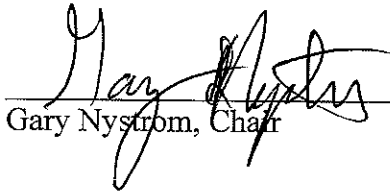
Rules and regulations update: Ex. Dir. Wilson shared that they would like to make the following changes to the park rules: 1) Campers have to pay online prior to setting up their site. 2) Checkout will be at 3pm now instead of 4pm, so there is a buffer hour before check in. There have been problems in the past with people not checking out on time and this will allow the campground hosts time to check on and address this. 3) Remove the current wording that says an additional tent can be erected on a site for an additional cost. Tent campers are still allowed to erect an additional tent for children for free. If they want another adult tent, they can rent another tent camp site.

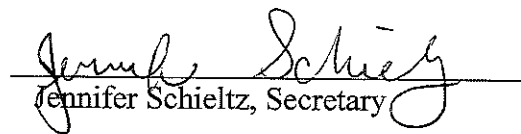
Bales motioned to approve the changes. Schieltz seconded. Approved.

Other Discussion: Bales asked if there was any update on the Iowa Forest Resiliency Grant. Ex. Dir. Wilson is working with a district forester now to prepare a plan of what work will be done. We are still waiting on the money to come to us. Once we have that, we can begin the bidding for the project.

Nystrom also asked about the status of the extension of the bike trail to Swede Point Park. Ex. Dir. Wilson shared that we will be sending out a newsletter showcasing our accomplishments from 2025 to all of the dock and golf renters as well as local businesses that we partner with. We are planning to have an opening ceremony for the clubhouse in April or May and invite local leaders and partners.

Schieltz moved to adjourn, Bales seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.


Gary Nystrom, Chair


Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary

Action Items

- Chelsie follow up with the two clubhouse concessionaire applicants to schedule a time for each to meet with Brian and Lisa. Prepare interview questions to ask.
- Chelsie implement new logo and send out letters to cart and dock renters.
- Chelsie inform board members by email once we hear about the budget from the supervisors
- Think about working on a new Strategic Plan this upcoming year