

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Boone County Courthouse, 4th floor conference room

Members present: Gary Nystrom, Brian Bales, Jennifer Schieltz, Pat Hagan, Lisa Kobernusz
Members absent:

Employees present: Ex. Dir. Chelsie Wilson

Chair Nystrom officially called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

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

Hagan motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Kobernusz. Approved.

The board opened the floor for any public comments. There were none.

Executive director Wilson presented the monthly bills totaling \$37,495.46. Bills this month included purchase of PPE for the season, miscellaneous items for the new clubhouse, re-wiring and a new meter for the old clubhouse, cleaning supplies for the spring, the rest of the patio build, a commercial refrigerator, signage, reels maintenance on the turf mowers, herbicide, new fiber connection to the clubhouse, and skid steer service and parts. One outstanding bill for precast parking blocks will be added. A payment of \$39,972.50 was also made to Burkett Construction this month for the new clubhouse construction. Kobernusz made a motion to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Bales. Passed.

Old Business

Don Williams new clubhouse update: Ex. Dir. Wilson shared that during inspection, it was discovered that the location where the septic system was supposed to go would no longer work because of the required distance between the septic and the water line. An alternative was identified which required an additional \$2000 on top of the \$14,750 originally bid. One benefit of this new plan is that it will give us three additional parking spaces at the clubhouse. Gravel for the parking lot and path to the cart shed was delivered. Boone County will be bringing their grader tomorrow to smooth it out more. They will also be removing the old driveway entrance. There was a walk through this week with the engineers and a list was made of issues that are not yet completed or were done incorrectly, including insulation in the attic, flashing, and downspouts. These things will be fixed by the contractor over the next few weeks. It was also discovered that downspout outlets which were supposed to be placed under the concrete were not put in before concrete was poured and this will require busting up some of the concrete to fix. Cameras will be installed soon. The building opens tomorrow! The concessionaires are in the building and excited to open. We will have a ribbon cutting and open house event and the board discussed a mid-May date, after our next board meeting. The board discussed a list of people to invite to that event.

New Business:

High Trestle Trail bridge insurance options: The county is insured under ICAP, but Ex. Dir. Wilson discovered that the bridge itself has essentially no coverage if it is damaged or destroyed from something like a collapse. A policy would cost an estimated \$8,185 a year. The board agreed that we should make the county supervisors aware of this and let them decide if they want to purchase this additional coverage.

A special event permit request was received for the Brad Anderson Memorial Diddy Pole Tournament, a fishing tournament to take place on May 22 and 23 (Memorial Day weekend). This is an annual event. Schieltz made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Hagan. Approved.

MIGA golf tournament request for two dates, June 1 and Aug 10, both Mondays. They expect 65-75 participants. Hagan motioned to approve, seconded by Bales. Approved.

Helen Taute Memorial golf tournament request for a three-hour period, 11am-2pm, on Saturday, June 20. They expect 40-60 people. Kobernusz motioned to approve, second by Bales. Approved.

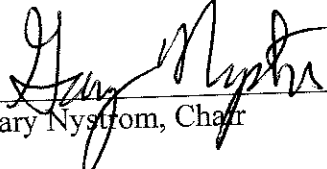
Other Discussion:

Our naturalist Kyle Neuendorf is leaving for a new job in a new county. Interviews for a new naturalist will be conducted next week.

The board discussed how we do not currently have a nature center, which would improve our programming, and that we want this to be part of a long-term strategic plan to add one.

Chair Nystrom noted he has received many positive comments since we started building the new clubhouse, and we want to keep that excitement and momentum going.

Schieltz moved to adjourn, Hagan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.



Gary Nystrom, Chair



Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary

Action Items

- Chelsie coordinate Naturalist interviews
- Chelsie continue to monitor clubhouse construction
- Choose a date for an opening ceremony and invite list of guests
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