

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

Members present: Brian Bales, Jennifer Schieltz, Pat Hagan, Lisa Kobernusz, Gary Nystrom
joined by zoom partway through meeting

Members absent:

Employees present: Ex. Dir. Chelsie Wilson

Vice Chair Hagan officially called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Kobernusz 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.
Seconded by Kobernusz. Approved.

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

Executive director Wilson presented the monthly bills totaling \$78,594.09. Bills this month included landscaping supplies for a 4-H event, INHF annual dues that go toward the High Trestle Trail steering committee, Swede Point house renovation supplies for painting and replacing some fixtures, a new pro-gator with a top dresser, and propane for this winter. There is no payment to Burkett Construction this month for the new clubhouse construction; we are holding off on the final payment until the building is completely done. Schieltz motion to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Bales. Passed.

Old Business

Don Williams new clubhouse update: Ex. Dir. Wilson shared that there is a meeting this Friday morning for another walkthrough with Burkett Construction. There are still items not yet completed and some items failing in the new building that should not be failing. We are withholding final payment until everything is rectified.

Golf course rule change: Last month we changed to no longer offering all-day golf cart rental and instead only offering a 9-hole or 18-hole rental option. There were some questions about how this applied to members. Ex. Dir. Wilson reported that members also must return a rented cart after 18 holes and then go to the end of the line for another one if they want to continue playing that day.

The water leak to the Lodge by the Lake has been fixed with a new water line. We are still waiting for the contractor to come back and install a curb stop shutoff for the building.

New Business:

Resolution 2026-1, SRT grant application, is for a grant to help fund the rest of the Swede Point park 1B bike trail. The resolution agrees that we will maintain the trail for a minimum of 20 years if awarded. Kobernusz motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Bales. Approved.

Resolution 2026-2, public meetings requirements, states that we will post all public meeting agendas on the Don Williams park office door and on our website at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. This is what we have already been doing, but a new state law requires us to pass a resolution yearly stating this. Kobernusz motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Bales. Approved

Law enforcement agreement with Sheriff's department: Ex. Dir. Wilson shared that before we pass this, she would like to propose a few wording changes. The board agreed with these wording changes. Ex. Dir. Wilson will discuss with County Attorney Speers and bring a revised version to a future meeting for an approval vote.

We extended an offer of employment to Blake Barrett for the Swede Point park ranger/ natural resource technician position. He will be onboarding on August 3. He will do his full law enforcement training in January. He will not be living at the house at Swede Point park. Therefore, we could use it for other things, like housing conservation corps members.

2026-2027 LP contract: this is to prepay for our fuel through the winter. It is for 5,150 gallons, effective September 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. Bales motioned to approve the contract, seconded by Kobernusz. Approved.

Other Discussion: Gary Nystrom again mentioned that there is a list of things that still need fixed in the new clubhouse and they are meeting this Friday with the contractor. The new naturalist is doing well, reaching out to people and planning events.

Bales moved to adjourn, Kobernusz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.


Pat Hagan, Vice Chair


Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary

Action Items

- Chelsie and Gary continue to monitor clubhouse construction
- Chelsie talk to county attorney about revised wording in law enforcement agreement
- Prepare for RAGBRAI