



**Wayne County Conservation Board  
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**ANNUAL REPORT  
Fiscal July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

**Board Roster**

Tom Rockhold – Chair, Lineville, IA  
Diane Olson Schroeder - Vice Chair, Humeston, IA  
Mike Lewis – Member, Seymour, IA  
Tom Swearingin – Member, Sewal, IA  
Belinda Atkins – Member, Humeston, IA  
Marty Nickel – Member, Lineville, IA

**Terms expires December 31,**

2023  
2024  
2026  
2026

Through Nov. 19  
Started March, 20

**Staff Roster**

Kenny Banks – Executive Director, Allerton, IA  
Brittany Snow – Assistant Director/Technician, Lineville, IA  
Hannah Wiltamuth – Part-time Naturalist, Centerville, IA  
Linda Allen – Part-time clerical, Part-time secretary, Allerton, IA  
Ronnie Guthrie – Part-time Technician, Corydon, IA

**Regular County Conservation Board meetings held in accordance with Iowa Code 350.3.**

There were 12 regular meetings during the fiscal year and the board held 1 special meeting. The board held interviews for potential Directors.

The county conservation board hired a new executive director and a new assistant director/technician.

**Conservation park enhancements:**

- Single stall restroom at Lakeside Park
- Single stall restroom at Bobwhite South Shelter
- ADA sidewalk at Bobwhite South Shelter
- ADA Handicap parking at Bobwhite South Shelter
- ADA Handicap parking with walk at Bobwhite boat ramp
- New grill at Bobwhite South Shelter
- New Duncan memorial signs at Bobwhite and Moore Gosch shower houses
- New playground at Moore Gosch

**Conservation Set Backs:**

- Medicine Creek Wildlife Area impound structure collapsed, draining entire lake and wetland area in June of 2019.

## **Maintenance Areas:**

### **Corydon Lake Park:**

- 143-acre park
- 64-acre lake
- 2 shelters; electricity and drinking water
- Modern shower house
- Camping
- Picnicking
- Hiking trails
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- 9-hole disc golf course

### **Bobwhite State Park**

- 390-acre park
- 90-acre lake
- 1 shelter; electricity and drinking water
- Modern shower house
- Camping
- ADA pit toilet
- Picnicking
- Hiking trails
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- ADA dock and 2 kayak launchers
- Beach and swim area

### **Moore-Gosch Memorial Park**

- 29-acre park
- 12-acre lake
- Camping
- 1 shelter; electricity and drinking water
- Modern shower house
- Picnicking
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- Dock and a kayak launcher

### **Lakeside Park**

- 86-acre park
- 45-acre lake
- Camping
- 1 shelter; electricity and drinking water
- Modern shower house
- Picnicking
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- 2 ADA docks and 2 kayak launchers
- Single stall restroom on North side of park by the shelter

### **Medicine Creek Wildlife Area**

- 1,028-acre area
- 140 wetland acres
- Restored prairie
- Upland timber
- Public hunting
- Fishing/boating

# Campgrounds Use Totals:

## Corydon Lake Park:

Total of 148 units  
 33% in county  
 51% out of county  
 16% out of state  
 440 nights of stay  
 369 individuals

## Bobwhite State Park:

Total of 313 units  
 53% in county  
 35% out of county  
 12% out of state  
 962 nights of stay  
 914 individuals

## Moore-Gosch Memorial Park:

Total of 242 units  
 33% in county  
 30% out of county  
 37% out of state  
 849 nights of stay  
 663 individuals

## Lakeside Park:

Total of 330 units  
 39% in county  
 58% out of county  
 3% out of state  
 1,191 nights of stay  
 1,025 individuals

**% of use for FY 19/20**

Park	In County	Out County	Out State
CLP	49	76	23
BW	128	191	11
MG	165	110	38
LSP	79	74	89
Total	421	451	161
Total %	41%	44%	15%

**\$ totals for camping FY 19/20**

FY 19/20	BW	LSP	MG	CLP	Totals
July	\$2,145	\$4,155	\$1,758	\$1,215	<b>\$9,273</b>
Aug.	\$2,480	\$2,715	\$2,050	\$1,560	<b>\$8,805</b>
Sept.	\$1,980	\$680	\$740	\$635	<b>\$4,035</b>
Oct.	\$1,710	\$750	\$1,185	\$975	<b>\$4,620</b>
Nov.	\$525	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$525</b>
April	\$90	\$90	\$60	\$0	<b>\$240</b>
May	\$2,270	\$1,980	\$1,980	\$340	<b>\$6,555</b>
June	\$3,340	\$7,520	\$3,880	\$1,815	<b>\$16,555</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$14,540</b>	<b>\$17,875</b>	<b>\$11,653</b>	<b>\$6,540</b>	<b>\$50,608</b>

## Account Balances Ending FY 19/20

Reap.....\$11,971.12  
 Wetland.....\$0  
 Donations.....\$2,555.01  
 Duncan.....\$78,035.41  
 SEP.....\$4,017.30  
 Cons. Reserve  
 IA Code 350.6....\$3,046.69

Total camping fees collected.....\$50,608.00  
 5 shelter rentals at \$15.00.....\$75.00  
 Total revenue FY 19/20.....**\$50,683.00**

### **Law Enforcement Activities:**

- Took calls about hunting, fishing, and park regulations
- Operated under the Wayne County Sheriffs office
- County cops patrolled each park
- In certain situations where law enforcement is needed, we called the sheriff's office
- Work with IDNR officer, for Wayne and Lucas county, Kyle Jensen on all hunting, fishing and game matters
  - o Wildlife removal from roadways
  - o Wildlife disposal

### **Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance:**

- Performed routine maintenance on all mowers and equipment as necessary
  - o Change oil
  - o Change air filters
  - o Change gas filters
  - o Run correct air pressure in tires
  - o Check hydro oil
- Changed blades on mowers
- Sharpen mower blades
- Repaired mowers as needed
- Performed routine maintenance on trucks as necessary
  - o Oil changes
- Repaired trucks as needed
- Kept updated gas log
- Keep updated mileage log in trucks
- Purchased a new mower
- Maintained hand tools
  - o Update as needed

### **Continuing Education:**

- Banks and Snow attended Winterfest for continuing education in different fields for conservation

### **Office:**

- Input claims in Quikbooks
- Filed claims
- Read e-mails
- Input camp receipts
- Took phone calls
- Cleaned office
- Maintain Facebook page
- Open mail and bills
- Filed copies of claims sent to courthouse
- Wrote up claims list
- Wrote up claims to submit to courthouse for payment
- Work on agenda for board meeting
- Took phone calls for shelter reservations
- Put information in order for board meetings
- Worked on budget for the next fiscal year
- Sent out e-mails regarding COVID-19 protocols
- Worked on timesheets promptly
- Kept updated logs for what was done that day
- Retrieved claims from courthouse for board meetings
- Post board meeting agenda outside office
- File and save information on computer
- Print off bills from e-mails
- Work with Michelle at courthouse

## Naturalist:

- Hannah worked part time with Wayne County
- Put on public programs at each park
- Did programs at the Seymour, Wayne, and Mormon Trail elementary schools
- Completed programs at Murphy's place
- Had Facebook Live videos on Wednesdays

Seed dispersal	MT, S, W
Animal mimicry	W, S, MT, MP
Animals in winter	S, W, MT, MP
Food chains	S, W, MT
Water cycle	S, W, MT
Fishing	MG, BW
Leaf art	MG, BW
Dutch oven cooking	MG, WD
Kayaking	MG, CLP, LSP
Seed bombs	WCF, AWF, MP, MT
Archery	LSP, CLP, MG
Stargazing	LSP, CLP, MG
Monarch tagging	MP, BW, CLP
Stargazing kayaking	BW, LSP
Suet cakes	MT, BW, MP
Birdfeeders	S, W, BW, MT
Birdcall bingo	MP, MT
Suet cakes/birdfeeders	BW- public
Antlers	MP
Birding guess who	MT
Turkey vultures	MP
Nocturnal pred./prey	MT

MT – Mormon Trail

S – Seymour

W- Wayne

MP – Murphy's Place

MG – Moore-Gosch

BW – Bobwhite

WD – Watermelon Days

CLP – Corydon Lake Park

LSP – Lakeside Park

WCF – Wayne County Fair

AWF – Allerton World Fair

## Monthly Participants

July	45
August	62
September	720
October	681
November	707
December	583
January	159
February	728
March	366
April	1595
May	575
June	668
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,889</b>

## Zoom Outreach

May Baskets	MT, S
Tour of Nature Center	MT
Animal Behavioral Enrichment	MT
Aquarium Animals	MT
Animals of Iowa	MT
Animal Toys	MT

## Facebook Live

Topic	People Reached
Where am I?	594
Honey Bees	525
Earth Day	294
Raptors	149
Wild edible – Lamb's quarters	214
Wild edible – dandelion	190
Wild edible – wood sorrel	143
Bed straw	125
Wild edible – honey	446
Wild edible – yarrow	67

## Maintenance:

### Spring/Summer:

- Open parks
- Board meetings
- Beach monitoring with ISU
  - o Water quality testing
- Mow/burn plot areas off
- Plant/drill food plots
- Bush hog entrances and parking @ MCWA
- Work with Mark Flammang, IDNR, aquatic spraying of lake
- Work with IDNR, Kyle Jensen
- Burn and compost leaves
- Change boundary signs that have been shot
- Maintain mowers
- Mow all parks
- Trim all parks
- Spray all parks
- Spray campground pads
- Mow lake shores w/ side cutter
- Mow dams w/ side cutter
- Mow roadways and trails w/ side cutter and bush hog
- Fill trucks up when needed
- Oil change on trucks when needed
- Clean, repair, maintain all shower houses
  - o COVID style – pressure wash
- Clean/open shower houses in spring
- Load firewood in the box in the campground
- Fill pot holes in @ campgrounds
- Clean, maintain, rent out shelters in all parks
  - o Weddings
  - o Family reunions
  - o Graduations.... etc.
- Pick up trash @ all parks
- Primp all parks for special weekends, yearly festivals
  - o Old settlers
  - o Boardertown days
  - o Watermelon days
  - o Wayne Co. Fair
  - o Allerton World Fair
  - o Memorial Weekend

- o 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- o Haunted Forest
- o Easter
- o Mother/Father's Day

- Clean vehicles, shop & equipment
- Clean park up after storm damage
- Set up booth @ County Fair
- Maintain kayaks and kayak trailer

### Fall/Winter:

- Close parks
- Winterize all shower houses
- Burn brush piles
- Cut hazard trees
- Cut and split firewood to sell at CG
- Worked and submitted budget
- Fall burn
- Annual report
- Continuing education
- Build tables
- Repair tables
- Make new signs for lagoons
- Winterize trucks, tractors, mowers
- Winterize @ shop
- Clean fire rings
- Blade snow
- Shovel snow
- Work on ice removal
- Board meetings
- Clean shop
- Work in campgrounds weather permitting
- Trickle charge batteries
- Move equipment inside for the winter
- Inventory
- Made new closed signs for the BW and MG shower house
- Put gates up at BW campgrounds to close campgrounds
- Work with IDNR, Helga Offenburger
  - o Fall hunt at BW
  - o Deer collection station
- Maintain chainsaws
- Fill trucks up when needed
- Oil change on trucks when needed

## **Future Park Plans:**

1. Groom parks to meticulous standards
2. Continue tree cutting @ CLP
3. Continue w/ state and 2ndary roads for MCWA damn
  - a. Finish soon
4. Food plots @ MCWA
  - a. Establish sunflowers for annual growth
5. Provide excellent outdoor activities for local and non-local residents
6. Opportunities for the schools
7. Expand the kayak program
8. Continue to try and find the money either by donation or grants for 2 new easy docks
  - a. MG & CLP
9. Continue working w/ Public Health regarding all things COVID
10. Continue working with IDNR for the lake at CLP
11. Work with ISU for beach monitoring at BW
12. Maintain all areas of the parks
13. Keep working w/ schools
14. Get CLP looking more like the other county parks with more grass growth
15. Put on more programs for the public
16. Work with IDNR with herd reduction of bow hunting at BW