



**Wayne County Conservation Board
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ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022

Board Roster

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

Terms expires December 31,

2023
2024
2026
2026
2023
2026

Staff Roster

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

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

There were 12 regular meetings during the fiscal year.

Garrett Abel appointed to Conservation Board

The county conservation board hired a new full time Naturalist, Ashleigh Arnold to start July 1, 2022.

Conservation Park enhancements:

- Cut several dead Ash Trees (ash bore) at Corydon Lake Park
 - Continuing of cutting of Ash Trees in all parks
- Received new EZ dock with 2 kayak launchers at Corydon Lake Park
- Medicine Creek Wildlife Area had dozer work to improve flooding, channel depth, and overall depth
- Medicine Creek Wildlife Area impound structure was completed
- Medicine Creek Wildlife Area Lake is full again
- IDNR Hatchery stocked the Medicine Creek Wildlife Area Lake
- Helga, IDNR, helped implement a bow only management hunt at Bobwhite State Park
- Added honeybees and equipment, see back page

Conservation Set Backs:

- Set back with start of mowing season in spring due to continual rain
- Drought following the continual spring rains
 - Food plots didn't turn out
 - Mowing season ended early
- Ended up short staffed during the summer due to an employee family illness

Maintenance Areas:

Corydon Lake Park:

- 143-acre park
- 64-acre lake
- 2 shelters; electricity and drinking water
- Modern shower house
- 19 campsites
- ADA EZ Dock and 2 kayak launchers
- Camping
- Playground
- Picnicking
- Hiking trails
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- 9-hole disc golf course
- 3rd year of water quality treatment with IDNR hatchery

Bobwhite State Park

- 390-acre park
- 90-acre lake
- 2 shelters
- Modern shower house
- 30 campsites
- Camping
- Playground
- 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
- 22 campsites
- Picnicking
- Fishing/boating; electric motors only
- Dock and a kayak launcher
- New playground

Lakeside Park

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

Medicine Creek Wildlife Area

- 1,028-acre area
- 140 wetland acres
- Restored prairie
- Upland timber
- Public hunting
- Fishing/boating
- Food plots
- Impound structure renovation is complete

Campgrounds Use Totals:

Corydon Lake Park:

Total of 148 units
 37% in county
 46% out of county
 17% out of state
 425 nights of stay
 386 individuals

Moore-Gosch Memorial Park:

Total of 273 units
 23% in county
 30% out of county
 47% out of state
 1,107 nights of stay
 720 individuals

Lakeside Park:

Total of 390 units
 28% in county
 66% out of county
 6% out of state
 1,939 nights of stay
 1,339 individuals

Bobwhite State Park:

Total of 278 units
 60% in county
 24% out of county
 16% out of state
 925 nights of stay
 782 individuals

% of use for FY 21/22

Park	In County	Out County	Out State
CLP	55	68	25
BW	161	65	43
MG	63	82	128
LSP	109	257	24
Total	388	472	220
Total %	36%	44%	20%

\$ totals for camping FY 21/22

FY 21/22	BW	LSP	MG	CLP	Totals
July	\$1,545	\$5,280	\$1,695	\$825	\$9,345
Aug.	\$1,965	\$3,810	\$3,045	\$1,185	\$10,005
Sept.	\$1,650	\$2,730	\$2,310	\$975	\$7,665
Oct.	\$2,355	\$2,040	\$3,525	\$540	\$8,460
Nov.	\$735	\$0	\$165	\$45	\$945
April	\$660	\$1,605	\$1,215	\$30	\$3,510
May	\$940	\$5,100	\$2,985	\$885	\$11,220
June	\$2,250	\$8,520	\$1,665	\$1,890	\$14,790
Totals	\$13,875	\$29,085	\$16,605	\$6,375	\$65,940

Account Balances Ending FY 21/22

Reap.....\$21,380.73
 Wetland.....\$0
 Donations.....\$3,925.59
 Duncan.....\$78,615.10
 SEP.....\$4,021.96
 Cons. Reserve
 IA Code 350.6....\$3,047.13

Total camping fees collected.....\$65,940.00
 25 shelter rentals at \$25.00.....\$625.00
 Total revenue FY 21/22.....\$66,565.00

Law Enforcement Activities:

- Took calls about hunting, fishing, and park regulations
- Operated under the Wayne County Sheriff's office
- County Officers 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

Public

- Monthly board meeting
- Helped the Lucas County Conservation Board with clean up after the tornado destroyed the Pin Oak Nature Center
- See Naturalist yearly report

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 (Front end White Ford)
- Kept updated gas log
- Keep updated mileage log in trucks
- Purchased a new mower (G1)
- Maintained hand tools
 - o Update as needed
- 2 new front tires on the tractor
- Maintenance tractor as needed
- 4 new tires on the White Ford

Continuing Education:

- Attended Winterfest in January of 2022
 - o Continuing education

Office:

- Input claims in Excel
 - o Started new system to track claims/budget
- 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
- 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
- Input camping receipts into computer
- Attend department head/safety meetings
- Work with Auditors Office
- Work with Recorders Office
- Work with Treasurers Office
- Make calls to turn on and off power and water with said entities according to season

Naturalist:

- Ashleigh worked part time with Wayne County
- Put on public programs at each park
- Provided programs at the Seymour, Wayne, and Mormon Trail elementary schools
- Acquired Honeybees from Honey Creek Resort
- Assisted with maintenance of parks when needed
- Completed programs at Murphy's place
- Completed Facebook Live Feeds on Suet Bird feeders, snakes, and feeding snakes

Monarch Tagging	AWF
Fishing	BW, LSP
Snakes	MT, S, W
Kayaking	BW, LSP, MG, CL, LB
Fall Leaves	MT, S, W
Camp or Treat	BW
Animals in Winter	S, W, MT
History of Conservation	Centerville Presbyterian
Snowflakes	S, W, MT
Vermicomposting	S, W, MT
Tree Rings	S, W, MT
Water Cycle	S, W, MT
Honey Harvest	ACCB
Honeybees	S, W, MT
Pond Study	LB
Hike	BW
Outdoor Day	LSP
Dutch Oven	BW
Fire Starter	BW
Pollinator	CL, HL
Wild Edibles	BW
Recycled Paper	CL
Snakes	HL, BW, LSP
History of Conservation	WCF

Monthly Participants

July	26
August	19
September	673
October	614
November	562
December	562
January	562
February	562
March	591
April	562
May	202
June	114
Total	5,049

MT – Mormon Trail

S – Seymour

W- Wayne

MP – Murphy's Place

AWF – Allerton World Fair

MG – Moore-Gosch

BW – Bobwhite

CLP – Corydon Lake Park

LSP – Lakeside Park

WCF – Wayne County Fair

CHS – Corydon Head Start

SL – Seymour Library

CL – Corydon Library

HL – Humeston Library

LB – Leah Bradly

ACCB – Appanoose County Conservation Board

Honeybees

Equipment Received from Honey Creek Resort

- 2 – Deep Boxes
- 12 – Medium Suppers
- 1 – Flow Hive box
- 1 – Smoker
- ~120 – M.S. Frames/Foundations
- ~15 – D.H. Frames/Foundations (Most of these will be thrown away due to condition)
- 5 – Hive Stands, 1 – 8 Frame, 4 – 10 Frame
- 2 – Colonies of Bees
- 1 – Bee Jacket
- Extractor – Shared with A.C.C.B.
- Uncapping box – Shared with A.C.C.B.
- Hot knife – Shared with A.C.C.B.

Equipment Bought

- 2 – Metal Queen Excluders
- 30 – Deep Frames
- 30 – Deep Foundations

Honeybees are a continual work in progress. There is always work to be done on them: treatment, equipment maintenance, honey extraction, well-checks. Because of how they are kept there is also a continual cost: jars to put honey in, replacing equipment, ect.

Maintenance:

Spring/Summer:

- Alliant topped trees along electric line @ LSP
- Open parks
 - o With COVID restrictions at bathhouses
- Board meetings
 - o COVID protocol
- Beach monitoring with ISU
 - o Water quality testing
- Mow/burn plot areas off
- Burn prairie for prairie restoration @ BW
- Burn CLP dam
- Burn brush piles @ BW & LSP
- Plant/drill food plots
- Bush hog entrances and parking @ MCWA
- Plant ½ food plot of winter wheat @ MCWA
- Work with Mark Flammang, IDNR, aquatic spraying of lake @ CLP
- 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
- Mow MCWA entrance
 - o Field entrances for parking and dead-end road
- Fill trucks up when needed
- Oil change on trucks when needed
- Clean, repair, maintain all shower houses
- 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 Bordertown days
 - o Watermelon days
 - o Wayne Co. Fair
 - o Allerton World Fair
 - o Memorial Weekend
 - o 4th of July
 - o Labor Day Weekend
 - o Haunted Forest
 - o Easter
 - o Mother/Father's Day
- Clean vehicles, shop & equipment
- Clean the parks up after storm damage
- Set up booth @ County Fair
- Maintain kayaks and kayak trailer

Maintenance Continued:

Fall/Winter:

- Fill out fuel wood agreements for cutting in BW, CLP, and LSP
- Close parks
- Winterize all shower houses
- Burn brush piles
- Cut hazard trees
- Cut and split firewood to sell at CG
- Worked on and submitted budget
- Fall burn
- Annual report
- Continuing education
- Build tables
- Repair tables
- 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
 - o Storage building @ LSP
 - o Back shop @ BW
- Inventory
- Put gates up at BW campgrounds to close campgrounds
- Work with IDNR, Helga Offenburger
 - o Fall hunt at BW
- Maintain chainsaws
- Fill trucks up when needed
- Oil change on trucks when needed
- Follow IDNR hazard tree cutting protocol
- Cutting every ash tree that the ash bore has killed in every park

Future Park Plans:

1. Groom parks to meticulous standards
2. Continue tree cutting @ all parks regarding Ash Trees
3. Continue with state and secondary roads for MCWA dam
 - a. Finished
4. Food plots @ MCWA
 - a. Establish sunflowers for annual growth
 - b. Establish food plots
5. Provide excellent outdoor activities for local and non-local residents
6. Opportunities for the schools
7. Expand the kayak program
8. Continue working with IDNR for the lake at CLP
 - a. Water quality
 - b. Fish habitat
9. Work with ISU for beach monitoring at BW
10. Maintain all areas of the parks
11. Keep working w/ schools and the community via naturalist programs
12. Get CLP looking more like the other county parks with more grass growth and tree cutting programs
13. Work with IDNR with herd reduction of bow hunting at BW
14. Work with IDNR with restocking fish population at the MCWA
15. Remove ash trees and plant new trees at MG
16. Pour concrete slab for camp host permanent site
17. Pour concrete slab for half basketball court at MG
18. New playground @ CLP by the South Shelter
19. Grants for a restroom by new playground @ CLP Shelter
20. Bids for new mower
21. Harvest honey from beehives
 - a. Continue with pollinator program