

**Wayne County Conservation Board**  
**Regular Meeting for**  
**February 13, 2023**

MINUTES-FEBRUARY-2023

WAYNE COUNTY AUDITOR

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Tom Rockhold, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R...X...Don..X... Diane...X...Mike..NO.. Marty...X...Garrett..X...Kenny...X...Brittany..NO...and Linda Allen...X.... Don Seams is newly appointed Supervisor to replace Tom Swearingin.

Guest or Public:

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

January minutes were approved as read. Motion to approve by Abel. Motion for second by Schroeder. Motion Carried. All ayes.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Continue work with Jared Chambers and Stacy Gibbs on playground area. It appears the land transaction from Rodger Gipple wouldn't be an asset to the park. Permit holders are still cutting the big supply of dead ash trees. Have several piles of brush. Colder weather needed .. See Ashleigh's report. Attempting to get Reap Community together for available funds and grants. Banks visited with Lance Lange and let him know he is the Reap Chairman. Took continuing education classes at Winterfest in Coralville. Staff is all certified for prairie burns now with the F130 and F190.certifications.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda by Abel. Second by Schroeder. Motion carried. All ayes..

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report: Banks picked up the new mower and shoed to Board members. Will be switching to spring schedule the first of April. Has helped tap a couple maple trees and reaped 5 gallon of syrup so far. They have completed the grant application for prairie seed. Also completed more trash cans for the shelter houses.
2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report
3. Naturalist: See attached report to minutes.
4. Schroeder made motion to approve all reports. Abel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

G. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Nickel made the motion to approve the bills. Abel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

Claims were submitted for payment. Claims list for month were signed by Tom Rockhold, WCCB Chairman.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Still working on 548 Rewilding Project with Roger Gipple
  - i. On hold till next meeting.
- b. Lorena's Memorial: Banks has visited with Ross and Mary Ellen Miller about the memorial money for Lorena and the community and family are going over the suggestions for its use.
- c. Brush has been cut on the Prairie piece. Ground needs to freeze before more can be done.
- d. Still lots of Ash Trees @ CLP & BW for permit holders
- e. Turned in the budget to supervisors after board approval. It is not officially approved.



I. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Tapped two maple trees
  - a. One @ BW and one @ LSP. Naturalist plans to use this information in her programs.
- B. Volunteers asking about basketball court @ BW like the one @ MG: Abel 's daughter Linden wants to raise money for a basketball court at BWP. She asked her dad to approach the WCCB Board for approval of the project. Schroeder noted she would like to see cement courts at all the parks. Banks to contact State to see if permitted or any concerns there. Others have suggested to put up a shelter at BWP campground
- C. Still looking @ grants to build a bathroom, like LSP, at CLP where the new playground equipment is going and for skid steer
  - a. New playground on hold. Trees need to be cut and stumps ground. Ground conditions are not suitable to do.
- D. Still working on some of the camp pads @ BW campground. Nine pads still need to be rocked.
- E. Annual Report
  - a. First draft is ready to go to courthouse.
- F. Banks going to set up meeting with George Antoniou; IDNR for lake renovation on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Seams questioned acreage of BWP and other lakes. BWP is largest with 90 acres. Noted it would be a good revenue source.
- G. Picked up new mower on February 8<sup>th</sup> It is a Gravely Pro turn. Traded in mower #2 without the bagger. It will be put on mower #3.
- H. Banks plans to talk to Ronnie Guthrie and Vernon Trower about their plans to return , he has had people express their desire to help mow or trim if needed.
- I. Clean up continues on trash cans for BW, CLP, MG, and LSP. They are very nice heavy cans received from Corydon City Council. Two cans will go to LSP shelter and one by BWP beach shelter.
- J. Looking like camping revenue will come close to last year with April, May, and June to be added.
- K. Turned in grant for prairie seed renovation project for BW prairie that Naturalist Arnold had written.

J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

- 1. Skid Steer: Seams from BOS noted they are adding \$30,000. dollars to conservation budget for a skid steer acquirement. Schroeder made the motion to pursue budget needed to purchase a skid steer for use in the parks. Abel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.
- 2. Don Seams welcomed by WCC at his first official meeting after his appointment.
- 3. Banks noted with all the rain and snow, MCWA is full again.
- 4. Banks advised the board of repair needs for the Green Ford truck and the white truck has reached 100,000 miles. Abel suggested to get estimate for repairs. He also noted secondary roads has vehicles.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Abel at 6:55 PM. Rockhold made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye.

*Linda Allen, Secretary*

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Tom Rockhold, WCC Chairman

Next Regular Meeting March 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

*Dean Olsen Schroeder*  
*3-13-23*



# Claims - 2023 February

Utilities	First Interstate Bill
Regular Bills	Not common bills
C & E Trucking	\$127.20
GRM Network	\$131.93
City of Corydon	\$30.00
Cell Phone	\$50.00
Rathbun Regional	\$73.50
Clarke Electric	\$180.29
Allerton Lumber	\$18.19
Johnston Repair	\$8,396.00
Gambles	\$57.92
CrawDaddy Outdoors	\$127.64
Hyatt Conf. Center Hotel (Winterfest)	\$740.34
Kenny Banks	\$91.16
Ashleigh Arnold	\$61.78
Brittany Snow	\$48.25
Perkins Equipment	\$52,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,334.20</b>

*Tom Rockhold*  
*WCCB Chairman*

*Diane Olson Schroeder*  
*WCCB Vice - Chairman*

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