

**Wayne County Conservation Board**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
February 12, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Tom Rockhold, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R\_X\_Lance-phone\_Diane\_\_X\_\_Mike\_\_Marty\_X\_\_Garrett\_Kenny\_X\_and  
Linda Allen\_X\_.

Guest or Public: Savannah Banks Sandy will be at meeting for the Times Republican News  
Paper: Savannah unable to attend tonight.

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

January minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Schroeder. Motion for second by  
Nickel. Motion Carried. All ayes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Work on the playground assembly is on  
hold. Grass seed not applied yet. Corydon city crew needs to dump more dirt, then roll and  
apply seed and cover with straw. Work continues with Helga, IDNR, and Angie Horton,  
Recorder, for Wayne County deer hunting numbers. Harvest report for deer was given to  
Banks. Deer taken in Wayne County reported for all was 1886. Turkey harvest was 303.  
Report attached for other county numbers in Iowa. Wayne community school job shadow  
starts on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Times Republican asked if they could be at the meeting. All  
meetings are open to the public.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda by Nickel. Second by Lange. Motion carried. All ayes

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report: Crew still on winter work schedule. Ashleigh  
and Brittany attended Winterfest and enjoyed the classes. Banks unable to attend.  
Have cut honeysuckle brush at LSP and voluntary trees at BWP. Burned front banks at  
BWP.
2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report
3. Naturalist – Ashleigh Arnold; See attached report to minutes . Ashleigh made contact  
with 681 persons by Public programs, Outreach at schools and by Private programs.  
Schroeder made motion to approve all reports. Nickel made the second. Motion  
carried. All ayes.

G. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Nickel made the motion to approve the bills. Lange made the second. Motion carried. All ayes. Claims were submitted for payment. Claims list for month signed by Rockhold, WCCB Chairman.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Will seed playground and grind stumps when weather permits.
- b. Prairie piece will be burned this fall when not under a burn ban,
- c. Cutting ash trees @ CLP & BW will resume when weather permits.
- d. Several permit holders have had to stop cutting do to unusually warm weather
- e. Annual report corrected and turned into Auditor Office
- f. Community service worker completed his 40 hours required time
- g. Winterfest went well
  - i. Brittany and Ashleigh attended and enjoyed classes.
  - ii. Kenny was unable to attend

I. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Grant writing has been slow due to fluctuating price costs for new bathroom @ CLP
- B. New budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 has been submitted to Courthouse.
  - a. February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m. is date for budget meeting
- C. Vandalism by driving off the roads in BW and CLP parks this winter has added to spring work load. Discussion on closing gate at BW, but not an option as Andrews needs access to his farm fields.
- D. Burned brush pile and timber reserve area south of campground
- E. Cutting shrubs @ BW campground entrance and viaduct on southside of LSP
- F. Will be installing exhaust fan @ BW bath house when warms back up.
- G. Started cutting entrance @ LSP
- H. Splitting wood for campground sales
- I. Need dirt to build up two sites before leveling work on camp pads @ BW. Lange to check with County about getting more dirt.
- J. Spring safety for campers during stormy weather has been addressed to Banks. Noted that instructions are on back of camp coupons to use shower houses in event of storms,
- J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes
  1. Rockhold reported tree sheerer he knew about had been sold. He knows who bought and might talk to them to see if they had use for all accessories. Helga, IDNR gave Banks deer harvest report. Total season number harvest was down by 10%. Buck totals down 4 %. Five deer were harvested in park and two tested for CDC.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Nickel at 6:40 PM. Rockhold made the second. Motion Carried.

All voted aye.

Linda Allen, WCC Board Secretary,

Tom Rockhold, WCCB Board Chairman



Next Regular Meeting March 11, 2024

# Claims FEBRUARY 24

Utilities	
Regular Bills	Not common bills
GRM Network	\$132.12
Cell Phone	\$100.00
Rathbun Regional	\$52.50
First Interstate Bank	\$930.37
Clarke Electric	\$199.62
C & E Trucking	\$240.00
MFA OIL	\$1,857.62
Brittany Snow	\$90.01
Ashleigh Arnold	\$59.80
Baker's Repair	\$59.81
Midwest Sanitation	\$83.01
Allerton Lumber	\$18.19
CarQuest of Corydon	\$5.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,828.67</b>

Tom Rockhold  
WCCB Chairman





# Office/Maintenance Report

(February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

- Input the claims into excel sheet
- Filed claims after writing them up
- Read e-mails
- Turned in claims when due into courthouse
- Took phone calls
- Wrote up list for monthly claims
- Worked on agenda and minutes for meeting
- Opened mail as it came in
- Retrieved claims from courthouse for board meeting
- Worked on bills w/ Kenny & Brittany
- Do timesheet promptly
- Put information in order for meeting
- Posted board meeting at office and on Facebook
- Cleaned office/ Covid style
- Work w/ Michelle; Auditor; & Amanda; Treasurer office
- Maintain Facebook page
  - Ash/Britt are working on updates
- Winter schedule
  - Trash @ BW
  - Getting ready to move into spring schedule
- Cleaned the shop/put away tools
- Work w/ Kyle Jensen and Helga Offenburger IDNR
- Working w/Taylor & Stacy, City of Corydon, for grants, parks/rec.
  - Working on playground w/ City of Corydon
- Ash is maintaining the hives
  - All hives made it through winter
- Leveling camp pads @ BW – Need dirt
  - Brush removal started
- Picking up brush from cut down trees with skidder and black dump trailer
- Take meter reading on the first of month for Rathbun @ BW
- Clean white truck
- Cut trees out of prairie
  - Still more to cut
  - Piling into burn pile in prairie
- Grind stumps @ CLP & BW
  - Will continue throughout spring & summer
  - Grinding stumps @ BW campground
- Cutting hazard trees @ CLP campground
- Attended safety meeting
- Attended department head meeting
- Staff safety meeting – discuss human trafficking training, safety videos, and personal safety equipment
- Clean out trails from BW prairie
  - Honey suckle and autumn olive
  - Removed trees covering the trail
- Work on safety inspection sheet
- Started cleaning honeysuckle @ entrance to LSP
- Repaired battery terminal on green Ford
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- Courthouse moved to Legion - FYI
- Updated board member information
- Getting ready to start on lagoon @ MG
- Need brakes fixed on big trailer
  - New trailer?
- Fuel wood permits end April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Cleaned up trash at MCWA
- Unprescribed grass fire on north side of the boat ramp road @ MCWA
  - Burned 5-7 acres
  - Corydon & Allerton Fire Dept. responded
- Cut locust trees from the burned area @ MCWA
- Talk w/ Larry about hooking up new fan
- Need to roof house and shop discussion (grant?)
- Removed trees from roadway at BW (south side)
- Burned timber reserve area by campground
- Split and stacked wood for camping season
- Need to discuss liability for campers during tornados, etc....
  - Safety meeting topic
- Received oil change kit for skid loader and hydro oil
- Parks opening April 1<sup>st</sup> unless otherwise directed
- Repair trailer tire on dump trailer
- Have Secondary Roads blade MCWA boat ramp road
- Removed dead deer from lakes
  - 2 from CLP Lake
  - 1 from BW Lake
    - All bucks
- Remove honey suckle from east side @ BW campground entrance
- Cut brush on south side of the roadside going into LSP campground
- Wayne County is no longer in a burn ban
- Ordered new part for side cutter from Vetter's
- Job shadow student from Wayne was here February 28<sup>th</sup>

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow



## WCCB Naturalist Report

February, 2024

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Insects	23
Humeston Library – Insects	3
Corydon Library – Insects	3
Outreach	
Seymour – Insects	132
Corydon Headstart – Insects	20
Wayne - Insects	330
Magical Beginnings – Insects	20
Mormon Trail – Insects	146
Private Program	
Murphy’s Place – Insects	5
Corydon Specialty Care - Insects	10
<b>Total People Reached</b>	<b>692</b>

### Other Tasks

1. Advertise upcoming programs
2. Prepare / plan public programs
3. Plan / Prepare School Programs
4. Facebook updates
5. Worked honeybees (all 3 survived the winter!)
6. Other maintenance and office work

### Coming Up in March:

#### Schools:

3/7 – Seymour – Food Chain

3/12 – Magical Beginnings – Food Chain

3/12 – Corydon Headstart - Food Chain

3/13 – Wayne – Food Chain

3/20 – Wayne – Food Chain

3/27 – Mormon Trail - Food Chain

#### Private:

2/19 – Murphy’s Place – Food Chain

#### Public:

3/5 – Seymour Library – Food Chain

3/12 – Humeston Library – Food Chain

3/19 – Corydon Library – Food Chain

