

**Wayne County Conservation Board**  
**RESCHEDULED MEETING FOR**  
**JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> to JANUARY 22, 2024**

MINUTES-JANUARY-2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:57 PM by Tom Rockhold, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R\_ yes\_Lance\_ yes\_ Diane\_ yes\_\_\_Mike\_\_\_Garrettyes\_Kenny\_ yes\_\_and  
Linda Allen\_ yes.\_

Guest or Public: Group possibly to enquire about naming the trail (Lorena Blount Memorial Trail) No one came,

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

December minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Abel. Motion for second by Lange. Motion Carried. All ayes.

D.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Work with Stacey and Jared from City of Corydon on the playground assembly has slowed down since snow and weather change. Working with Helga, IDNR, deer hunt at Bobwhite, will try to have numbers by next meeting. Several signed up and bought tags. Wayne community school job shadow committee starts in February. Numbers vary each year by student interest.

E.APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report: Banks noted the community service person has been kept busy removing snow. The grass seed will be sown when the snow starts to melt and the Humeston Fire Department rescued a dog off the ice at Lakeside Park.
2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report/agenda for meeting
3. Naturalist – Ashleigh Arnold; See attached report to minutes.  
Schroeder made motion to approve all reports. Lange made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

G. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Rockhold 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. State auditor requested campground receipts to review. They complied and were returned.
- b. Seeding playground and grinding stumps
- c. Prairie piece will be burned whenever snow melts and weather permits.
- d. Cutting Ash Trees @ CLP & BW
- e. No fishing from Bridge signs have been on order and not yet received.
- f. Plans with City of Corydon, about new water and electric lines on east side to the shelters continue.
- g. Repairs completed on the skid loader

I. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Cutting brush at LSP park entrance put on hold , due to weather
- B. Have several fuel wood permit holders cutting wood, not cutting down more till caught up.
- C. Working on grant writing with Stacy on grants for new bathroom @ CLP
- D. Annual report for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 was presented to Board. Lange made motion to approve with noted corrections. Abel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes
- E. New budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 turned into court house.
- F. Added replacement signs to MCWA: Previous ones were unreadable, due to bullet holes.
  - a. No Driving on Area signs
- G. Cutting more ash trees @ CLP campground and Hill 95
- H. Community service worker has 40 hours .
- I. Cutting shrubs @ BW campground entrance: Honeysuckle has taken over.
- J. Will be installing exhaust fan @ BW bath house when weather warms up.
- K. Winterfest later this month
  - a. January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Snow and Arnold left early due to incoming rain and freezing to attend an early class.
- L. Helped move Courthouse offices. Lange reported all went well. Dolly was appreciated.
- M. Heritage foundation inquired about land purchase: Banks presented map of the 80-acre tract to the Board and was agreed by all they weren't interested to purchase.
- I. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

1. Rockhold advised Banks of a tree shear that might become available that fits the skid steer.

K. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Lange at 6:28 PM. Abel made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye.

Linda Allen, WCCB Secretary,

*Linda Allen Secretary*

*Tom Reed*

Chairman



# Claims JANUARY 24

Utilities	
Regular Bills	Not common bills
GRM Network	\$132.12
Cell Phone	\$50.00
Rathbun Regional	\$52.50
First Interstate Bank	\$263.51
Clarke Electric	\$178.87
C & E Trucking	\$120.00
Dollar General	\$13.25
Midwest Sanitation	\$83.01
Allerton Lumber	\$29.36
CarQuest of Corydon	\$42.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$964.96</b>

*Tom Rockhold*  
*WCCB Chairman*





# Office/Maintenance Report

(January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – February 12<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
- Cleaned the shop/put away tools
- Work w/ Kyle Jensen and Helga Offenburger IDNR, CWD bow hunt @ BW – 5 deer harvested
- Working w/Taylor & Stacy, City of Corydon, for grants, parks/rec.
  - Working on playground w/ City of Corydon
- Ash is maintaining the hives
- Leveling camp pads @ BW – Need dirt
- 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 start again as soon as the ground dries up
- Turned in Annual report to the Auditor
- Cutting hazard trees @ CLP campground
  - Almost dry enough to start cutting again
- Attended safety meeting
- Attended department head meeting
- Staff safety meeting – discuss human trafficking training
- 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
- Need to repair battery terminal on green Ford
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- Closed Hill 95 due to soft conditions
- Courthouse moved to Legion - FYI
- Updated board member information
- Discussion on board member qualifications
- Getting ready to start on lagoon @ MG
- Need brakes fixed on big trailer
  - New trailer?
- Ashleigh and Brittany attended Winterfest
  - Kenny did not attend due to wife's surgery
- Fill out fuel wood permits
- Met with supervisors to approve budget proposal
- Cleaned up trash at MCWA
- Talk w/ Larry about hooking up new fan
- Need to roof house and shop discussion (grant?)
- Need to repair blade
- Community service worker finished hours
- Removed trees from roadway at BW (south side)
- Burned timber reserve area by campground
- Split and stacked wood for camping season
- Cutting trees broken by weight of snow in all 4 parks
- Received most current information on harvest numbers by county from IDNR
- Need to discuss vandalism in parks over winter
- Need to discuss liability for campers during tornados, ect...

**-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow, Ashleigh Arnold**





## WCCB Naturalist Report

January 2024

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Taxonomy	19
Humeston Library – Taxonomy	3
Corydon Library – Taxonomy	2
Outreach	
Seymour – Taxonomy	132
Corydon Headstart – Taxonomy	20
Wayne - Taxonomy	330
Magical Beginnings – Taxonomy	20
Mormon Trail – Taxonomy	146
Private Program	
Murphy’s Place – Taxonomy	5
<b>Total People Reached</b>	<b>681</b>

### Other Tasks

1. Advertise upcoming programs
2. Prepare / plan public programs
3. Plan / Prepare School Programs
4. Facebook updates
5. Worked honeybees
6. Other maintenance and office work
7. Winterfest

### Coming Up in February:

#### Schools:

- 2/1 – Seymour – Insects
- 2/13 – Magical Beginnings – Insects
- 2/13 – Corydon Headstart - Insects
- 2/14 – Wayne – Insects
- 2/21 – Wayne – Insects
- 2/28 – Mormon Trail - Insects

#### Public:

- 12/5 – Seymour Library – Insects
- 12/12 – Humeston Library – Insects
- 12/19 – Corydon Library – Insects

#### Private:

- 12/19 – Murphy’s Place – Insects



# Winterfest 2024

## Wild Edibles

- She gave us materials to learn some of her methods. Gave out samples

## Iowa DNR GPS Turkey Study

- Show the travel patterns and how far turkeys will travel

## Master Conservationist Program

- Way to get the public more involved in Conservation

## Porcupines & Other Wildlife Oddities

- More animals from the southern states are starting to move into the northern states

## The LoHi Trail

- Designed a trail to travel the entire length of the Loess Hills

## Growing Season Fire

- Talk ways of using prescribed burns during the growing seasons to set back the growth of invasives

## Dubuque Caves & Lead Mines

- Talk of the caves and the exploring of them and the lead mines under Dubuque area

## Partnering with Iowa Tourism

- Bringing entertainment and getting people to come to your county
  - o Expensive

## I Fire

- IDNR is making an app for smaller fire departments to be able to call in prescribed burns
- App is also to shorten trainings to only take a few years

## ID of Common & Invasive Vines

- Show of the common and invasive vines around Iowa and what to look for in a vine to distinguish which one it is

## Timber Rattlesnakes in Iowa

- Demonstrating how rattlesnakes and other venomous snakes are not as dangerous as people make them out to be

