

Wayne County Conservation Board
Regular Board Meeting for
March 10, 2025

Minutes-March

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6.04 PM by Rockhold, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R_X_Lance_X_Marty_X_Garrett_X_Don_X_Tim_X_Kenny_X_Linda_X.

Guest or Public: Savanna Banks from Corydon Times Republican was present to take notes from the meeting.

Update memo : Guest Steve Benjamin was in attendance.

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

February minutes were approved as presented. Motion to approve by Lange . Motion for second by Abel. Motion Carried. All ayes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Continuing Winter Projects:

1. Submitted Wayne Community Foundation Grant before the deadline, Results will be in by the last of March. **2.** Filled out more fuel wood permits **3.** Banks spoke with Jeremy Cochran, IDNR Forester, about \$100,000 US Forest Service Grant. Oak trees could be planted at Medicine Creek.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report;

Update: Banks planning to get all parks ready to open by April 1st. Opening of shower houses will depend on the weather. He received a call from Railroad supervisor inquiring about parks opening date. Maintenance work being done on the lines and planned for town crossing. The new picnic tables bought by CLP have been delivered to Allerton for park crew to assemble. Guthrie has repaired ten(10) tables in the parks.

2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report: printed copies for meeting

3. Naturalist – Anna Anderson; January report:

Update: Anderson overseeded the prairie and playground at CLP. She presented 3 Public programs, gave 2 private programs and reached out to Seymour, Morman Trail, Corydon Head start and Wayne schools. Also went to Magical Beginnings. Her programs were on Animal Eyes and Owl Eyesight. She reached 624 people during the month even though she had 3 canceled programs due to weather.

Seams made motion to approve all reports. Lange_ made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

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

Monthly claims were submitted for payment. Claims list for month signed by Rockhold – WCCB Chairman.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Winter work scheduled projects:

- a. Grinding stumps at parks as weather permits Rockhold noted he had some cutting to do at MG.
- b. Issuing wood permits
- c. Burned piles @ BWP, MG & LSP
- d. Shop roof and house roof revisited: Board said to get estimate for the good quality shingles and put out bids for installment of said repairs. Board suggested to match shingles and tin as well as could.

2. Completed projects from schedule:

Update: Burn piles at BWP, LSP and MGP have been completed.

a. Unfinished Office and Maintenance Issues:

Office update:

A1. Printer: - Received new Canon March 4th. Chase returned with the password so scans can be sent and setup completed. Chase also took the hard drive out of the old printer and Infomax took the old printer.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

Grant for new bathroom, new water, and electric line @ CLP was submitted.

- a. Anna will over seed the playground as soon as possible. She used Rye grass for the prairie
 - b. UTV Trail @ MCWA:
 - c. Updated by Lange for members not present at previous discussion. A large area needed. Lots of people feel it would be used and bring in revenue to the County. Lange noted Supervisors thinking of using Revenue from County Home ground rental as a cost supplement to it. Project needs more information and planning which is underway.
 - d. New 5-year budget plan:
 - i. Nature Center: Banks likes Lucas County Pin Oak. Lange reported it has a very nice Aquarium and they did a good job restoring building blown away by tornado. Banks thinks one for Wayne would be an asset. He would like on a highway and close to park ground.
 - ii. Lake Renovation: Discussion on the parks and lakes. Lake conditions deteriorating. Banks not hopeful of any Renovation. Rockhold noted discussion with Brentt Snow, fire chief at Lineville on putting a pump access at MG for tankers to fill from lake. Ideas were discussed to help improve quality of water and conditions.
 - e. Annual Report
- Update: Draft completed. 1st draft presented and read. Corrections were noted
- f. Cinder Path: Lange and another party rode the three (3) mile Cinder Trail from North of Humeston to the Propane tank along Hwy 65 on golf carts. They were surprised it appeared in much better condition than expected. There are five (5) culverts to repair. Lange has visited with RR on cost of repairs and fixing. Estimate of \$75-100 each to fix. Also asked DNR about maintaining fence. They didn't say NO.
 - g. Some discussion on a flag pole and putting leftover tin on check in station at BW

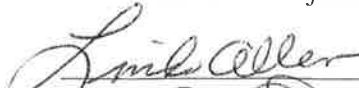
- h. New vehicle:: Lange asked what looking for? Banks wants better vehicle for Naturalist. A certified used with around 60,000 miles and good gas mileage for \$25-30,000. could be considered
- i. Maude Conkity is interested in possibly getting a memorial bench near the beach @ BW.

J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

- 1. Camp Hosts for upcoming season were discussed: Steve Benjamin noted he would like to host BW again. 2 people were suggested for CLP, and 3 maybe interested in LSP 2 people interested in MGP. They are required to fill out forms of interest and they will be determined.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lange_ at _7:18 PM. Abel made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye

 Linda Allen, WCCB Secretary

 WCC Board Member

Next Regular Meeting April 14, 2025

Office/Maintenance Report

(March 10th, 2025 – April 14th, 2025)

- 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
- Work w/ Michelle; Auditor; & Amanda; Treasurer office
- Maintain Facebook page
 - Britt and Anna are working on updates
- Count camp money with Linda after parks open
- 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.
 - Over seed new playground
 - Finished new tables
- Anna is maintaining the hives
- Leveling camp pads @ BW
- 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
- Grind stumps @ CLP & BW
 - Will continue throughout fall & winter as time & weather permit
- Cutting hazard trees
- Attended safety meeting
- Attended department head meeting
- Work on safety inspection sheet
- Still cleaning honeysuckle @ entrance to LSP
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- Started Spring schedule
- Submitted grant for bathroom @ CLP
- Started to clean up behind campsites @ BW again
- Sharpened all chainsaw chains
- Burn the brush piles @ BW, LSP & MG
- Leaf removal @ CLP new playground
- Need to put up repaired signs @ BW trail
- Clean in the shop
- Took calls regarding fuel wood salvage agreements
 - Cutting has ended until Nov. 1st
- Called MFA to fill all fuel barrels
- Push up burn pile @ BW
- Annual Report for 23-24
 - Turned into the Auditor
- Change water in turtle tank
- Give hunter information on Medicine Creek
- Adding rock to parking area @ BW
- Need to fix hydrant @ BW Shop
- Had the sewer cleaned out (maybe cut trees)
 - Treat sewer line @ BW w/ copper sulfate
- Assembled new tables for CLP
 - Taking to CLP this week
- Repaired tables for LSP
- Continually rotate batteries on tender
- Ordered more picnic table bolts
- Need to remove old playground @ BW campground
- Picking up sticks and debris is all campgrounds
- Anna overseeded prairie mix on the prairie @ BW
- Opened all parks
 - Electric and water is on
- Checked all hydrants and electric boxes
- Getting mowers ready
- Opening shower houses this week
- Cut trees from new bathroom site @ CLP
 - Hauled logs and brush from job site
- Burned prairie @ BW
- Burned dam @ CLP
- Received new flags
 - Hanging in parks
- Steve installed new flag pole @ BW Campground
- Received \$1,000 donation from Redeemed (flag pole)
- Received Wayne Community Foundation Grant
- Wayne students will be @ CLP on April 23rd for community service day
- Received Tsunami-DQ for MG lake
- New LED lights for the shop
- Need new tracks for the skid loader

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow

WCCB Naturalist Report

March 2025

Programs	Total
Public Program	
3/4 Seymour Library – Track Guides	Cancelled by Library
3/21 Humeston Library – Furs	7
3/18 Corydon Library – Track Guides	10
3/27 Beeswax Lotion Bars at Bobwhite	10
Outreach	
3/6 Seymour –Furs, Mammals	142
3/11 Corydon Headstart – Track Sheets	16
3/12 and 3/19 Wayne – Tracks and Tracking	344
3/11 Magical Beginnings – Track Sheets	14
3/26 Mormon Trail – Tracks and Tracking	147
Private	
3/18 Murphy’s Place – Track Bookmarks	8
3/21 Corydon Specialty Care – Iowa Furs	17
Total People Reached	715

Other Tasks

1. Prepare / plan public programs
2. Plan / Prepare School Programs
3. Facebook updates
4. Turtle Care and tank cleaning
5. Assist in controlled burn at Bob White
6. Spread prairie seed at Bob White Prairie – multiple seedings
7. Cutting down invasive Autumn Olive in prairie
8. Liaison with DNR and collection of bat guano monitoring kit – to commence collection through May, need to locate one colony roost site in Wayne county
9. Other maintenance and office work

Coming Up in April:

Schools:

- 4/3 – Seymour – Tracks
- 4/8 – Magical Beginnings – Pond Circle
- 4/8 – Corydon Headstart – Pond Circle
- 4/9 – Wayne – Pond Circle/Water Cycle game
- 4/16 – Wayne – Pond Circle
- 4/23 – Mormon Trail – Pond Circle/Food Chain tag/Water Cycle Game
- 4/24 – Wayne 3rd and 4th grades – Food Chain tag (testing conflict reschedule)

Private:

- 4/15 – Murphy's Place – Otters – Otter mount
- 4/18 – Corydon Specialty Clinic – Otters

Public:

- 4/1 – Seymour Library – Tracking Guides and Bookmarks
- 4/18 – Humeston Library – Constellations and Stars
- 4/15 – Corydon Library – Water Cycle Game
- *Pending* 4/22 – Bob White – Earth Day Tree Planting (Dependent on acquisition of trees)



WAYNE COUNTY CONSERVATION MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

Month	March			
Category	Bill-Vendor-Claim	Amount	ACCOUNT	Date Claim
Utilities	Alliant Energy Electric		0001-22-6110-000-43100	
	Clarke Electric	\$130.95	0001-22-6110-000-43100	
	Grundy Electric		0001-22-6110-000-43100	
	City of Corydon		0001-22-6110-000-43100	
	City of Lineville		0001-22-6110-000-43100	
	Rathbun Water	\$85.00	0001-22-6110-000-43100	
	GRM - Cellphones	\$147.60	0001-22-6110-000-41400	
Maintenance & Op	C & E		0001-22-6110-000-44300	
	Allerton Lumber	\$19.61	0001-22-6110-000-29000	
	L & W Electric		0001-22-6110-000-44300	
	Gambles		0001-22-6110-000-29000	
	Allerton Lumber	\$7.58	0001-22-6110-000-25400	
	CarQuest	\$55.39	0001-22-6110-000-29000	
	ULINE		0001-22-6110-000-23200	
	Cantera Aggregates		0001-22-6110-000-21200	
	CarQuest	\$85.90	0001-22-6110-000-25400	
	City of Corydon		0001-22-6110-000-29000	
Fuel-Misc	MFA-Fuel/Gas		0001-22-6110-000-25000	
	MFA-Propane		0001-22-6110-000-25000	
First Interstate Bank	*Adobe *C-Card	\$21.19	0001-22-6100-000-44400	
	Clark's Sewer & Rooter	\$380.00	0001-22-6110-000-44300	
	MFA	\$55.62	0001-22-6110-000-44300	
	Amazon		0001-22-6100-000-26000	
	Amazon		0001-22-6100-000-37300	
Office	Wayne Co. Papers		0001-22-6100-000-40000	
	Dollar General	\$7.00	0001-22-6100-000-26000	
	Dollar General		0001-22-6110-000-23200	
	Dollar General		0001-22-6100-000-37300	
	Petty Cash*	\$10.42	0001-22-6100-000-37300	
Miscellaneous	Jensen Design		0001-22-6100-000-26000	
	Brittany Snow		0023-22-6110-000-41900	
	Anna Anderson	\$28.58	37300 / 41900	
	Yoder Precast-Pk Blocks		0001-22-6100-000-64400	
	Kenny Banks			
Ziegler Cat-Service			0001-22-6110-000-64000	
	TOTAL	\$1,034.84		

Ref-Rep:LA-WCCB **TOTAL** \$1,034.84

Director Signature

WCCB Member

DATE: