

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. The meeting was held in person at the Anette Nature Center.

Meeting called to order by President Mark Kickbush at 5:00 p.m.

Those present:

Mark Kickbush, President
Joe Schettler, Vice President
Angie Croll, Secretary
Sue Boll
Ace Hendricks

Comprising a quorum of the board.

Absent:

Staff present:

Zach Hall, Director
Kevin Brown, Conservation Tech
Monty Freeman, FriendsWCC Board Member
Hannah Hernandez, Naturalist
Kelsey Longnecker, EE Coordinator
Nathan Reinke, Conservation Tech
Tyler Seuferer, Natural Resource Specialist
Mankato Stonebrook, Conservation Tech
Mallory Wells, Office Manager

Guests:

Shannon Anderson
Gary Hutchison
Nate Graham
Kerby Stott
Bryan Dodson
Doris Russell

- i. Convene
 - a. Agenda Review
 1. Sue Boll moved to accept the agenda as written. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes.
Motion carried.
- ii. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. Ace Hendricks made a motion to accept the February 2025 minutes as written. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- iii. Public Comment
 - a. Shannon Anderson, Warren County resident, voiced his concerns for public hunting at Medora Prairie.
 - b. Gary Hutchison, Warren County resident, voiced his concerns for public hunting at Medora Prairie.
 - c. Nate Graham, Warren County resident, voiced his concerns for public hunting at Medora Prairie.
 - d. Kerby Stott, on behalf of Marjorie & Leland Stott, Warren County residents voiced their concerns for public hunting at Medora Prairie.
 - e. Bryan Dodson, Warren County Resident, voiced his concerns for public hunting at Medora Prairie.
 - f. Doris Russell, Warren County Resident, voiced her concern for public hunting at Medora Prairie.
- iv. Friends of Warren County Conservation
 - a. FWCC board has been working on their committees. They have started working on the prairie picnic and are focusing on a membership drive.

v. Business Agenda

a. New Business

1. Iowa Bicycle Coalition:

- a. Luke Hoffman, Executive Director, gave an overview of the economic and health impacts of bicycling and trails in Iowa, study. He also shared the coalition would like to support WCCB with letters of support and bike trail maintenance if they move forward with a bond referendum.

2. Medora Prairie

- a. Todd Gosslink, Iowa DNR Ecologist, gave an overview of what an animal refuge is.
- b. Director Hall gave an overview of the history of the Medora Prairie and read a letter of support from Mid Iowa Archers.
- c. The board discussed the presentations and their options for Medora Prairie.
- d. Joe Schettler made a motion to open Medora Prairie for bow hunting only. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- e. Joe Schettler rescinded the previous motion and made a motion to allow falconry and bow hunting, anything that is legal to bow hunt, effective October 1, 2025. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- f. Gary Hutchison and Shannon Anderson requested a fence be erected along their property boundaries.

2. FY 26 Budget Guidance

- a. The Warren County Board of Supervisors informed Director Hall that the WCCB budget needed to be cut. Director Hall was able to remove the purchase of a truck as well as an updated septic system for the ANC.
- b. Joe Schettler made a motion to accept Director Hall's budget amendments. Sue Boll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried.

b. Discussion Items

1. Red Lion Solar

- a. The contract was amended, and the Warren County Board of Supervisors gave the approval to sign the contract.

2. Sanitary Sewer easement

- a. The Warren County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the Sanitary Sewer Easement.

c. Approval of Bills

1. Sue Boll made a motion to approve the bills as submitted. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

d. Financial Report

1. Director Hall discussed the breakdown of the remaining fiscal year.
2. Sue Boll made a motion to accept the financial report. Ace Hendricks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

e. Upcoming Events -Education Staff shared upcoming events.

f. Staff Reports – WCCB staff provided a summary of their workload.

g. Adjournment

1. Ace Hendricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Sue Boll Seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried.