

Minutes of the Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. 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
Jake Sickels
Ryan Williams

Comprising a quorum of the board.

Absent:

Staff present:

Zach Hall, Director
Tyler Seuferer, Park Superintendent
Mallory Wells, Office Manager
Kelsey Longnecker
Hannah Hernandez, Naturalist
Kevin Brown, Conservation Tech
Colton Schwenke, Maintenance Tech
Mankato Stonebrook, Maintenance Tech
Jon Livermore, Conservation Ecologist
Monty Freeman, FWCC Treasurer

Guests:

Ace Hendricks
Mark Wilson

Convene

- i. Call to order
- ii. Agenda Review
 1. Angie Croll made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried
- iii. Reading of the Minutes
 1. Joe Schettler made the motion to approve the December 2025 regular minutes as presented. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- iv. Public Comment
 1. None
- v. Friends of Warren County Conservation
 1. FWCC Treasurer Freeman shared that the group is working on their end of year campaign which includes an end of year letter. They also had a community member reach out about making a monthly donation to FWCC to be used for the Great Western Trail.

vi. Business Agenda

- a. Election of WCCB Officers
 - a. Joe Schettler made a motion for Mark Kickbush to serve as President, Joe Schettler as Vice President, and Angie Croll as secretary. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b. 2026 Meeting Dates
 - a. Joe Schettler made a motion to move the November meeting to Tuesday November 10th, 2026, due to Veteran's Day falling on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- c. Remove Colton Schwenke from probation
 - a. Jake Sickels made a motion to remove Colton Schwenke from probation. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- d. WCCB to sell firewood
 - a. Operation staff would like the ability to utilize the trees they are falling to cut, split, and sell as a source of revenue.
 - b. Joe Schettler made a motion for operation staff to move forward with firewood revenue. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.
- e. Iowa FRPP Grant Agreement
 - a. Ecologist Livermore shared that he was awarded \$78,075.00 from the Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program and will need the board to sign a resolution to be able to start the project.
 - b. Angie Croll made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- f. Finalized FY27 Budget Request
 - a. Director Hall presented his plan for the fiscal year 2027. He will be submitting a request for a 10.6% increase.
 - b. Joe Schettler made a motion to accept the amended budget as presented. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

vii. Discussion Items

1. Playscape
 - a. Naturalist Van Loon gave an update on the Playscape. Bolton & Menk submitted a concept design which she shared with the board.
2. Park Use Data
 - a. Park Superintendent Seuferer shared that he has placed a trail camera at Gobbler's Knob to see what/who is using out parks.
3. WCCB Bike Expo January 24th
 - a. Office manager Wells shared that Director Hall and two Friends board members will be attending the event as well.
4. ANC Security
 - a. Staff have been working with Warren County Maintenance Supervisor and A+ Security to get 6 new cameras installed.
 - b. SRT and TASA 2026
 - a. Director Hall shared plans to update the Great Western Trail from Coolidge street to County Line Road. He mapped out options to save on redoing these sections.

- c. Otter Creek, Grant Nature Land, and Hickory Hills recreational policies.
 - a. Director Hall discussed options for hunting at the parks listed. The board would like for staff to provide the policies they would like to see and present them to the board at a later date.

viii. Upcoming Events

1. Staff shared the upcoming events.

ix. Approval of Bills

1. Joe Schetter made a motion to approve the bills as submitted. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

x. Financial Report

1. My County Parks

- a. Office Manager Wells shared the revenue from MCP to date. She created a spreadsheet that she will update monthly to present to the board.

2. Year to Date

- a. Director Hall shared his year-to-date financial report and account balances.

3. Joe Schettler made a motion to accept the financial report. Angie Croll seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

ii. Staff Reports

1. WCCB staff provided a summary of their workload.

iii. Adjournment

1. Ryan Williams made a motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 6:34pm. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried.