

Minutes of the

Warren County Conservation Board

The Warren County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. The meeting was held in person at the Anette Nature Center.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Joe Schettler at 5:00 p.m.

Those present:

Joe Schettler, Vice President
Angie Croll, Secretary
Jake Sickels

Absent:

Mark Kickbush, President
Ryan Williams

Comprising a quorum of the board.

Staff present:

Zach Hall, Director
Kelsey Longnecker, EE Coord.
Hannah Van Loon, Naturalist
Tyler Seuferer, Park Super.
Kevin Brown, Conservation Tech

Mankato Stonebrook, Conservation Tech
Colton Schwenke, Maintenance Tech
Jon Livermore, Conservation Ecologist
Mallory Wells, Office Manager
Monty Freeman, FWCC Treasurer

Guests:

None

Convene

a) Call to order

b) Agenda Review

- i) Angie Croll made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Jake Sickles seconded. All aye. Motion carried

c) Review the Minutes

- i) Angie Croll made the motion to approve the regular April 2026 minutes as presented. Jake Sickles seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

d) Public Comment

- i) None

e) Friends of Warren County Conservation (FWCC)

- i) Treasurer Freeman shared they are getting ready for their annual native plant sale fundraiser coming up on Saturday May 16th. Ecologist Livermore presented pollinators and pushed the plant sale.

f) Business Agenda

i) New Business –

- (1) Middleswart Lodge** - Angie Croll made a motion to deny the use of the Middleswart Lodge for the Disc Golf Maina. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- (2) Payroll Removal** – Angie Croll made a motion to remove Matt Sheets from payroll. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

- (3) **Request to hire seasonal employees** – Angie Croll made a motion to hire Brady Meyers and Linus Larson as part time seasonal employees. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried
- (4) **Salary Certifications FY27** – Angie Croll made a motion to approve the fiscal year 27 salaries as presented. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- (5) **Prescribed Fire Sprayer Unit** – Angie Croll made a motion to approve the purchase of a Prescribed Fire Sprayer Unit. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- (6) **Vehicle Purchase request** – Angie Croll made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Maverick truck from DeYarman Ford. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- (7) **Madison CCB and Warren CCB partnership** – Angie Croll made a motion to accept the 28E agreement between Madison County Conservation Board and Warren County Conservation Board as presented. Joe Schettler seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

ii) Discussion Items

(1) FY26 & FY27 Budget Update

- (a) Director Hall shared his map for the finish for the fiscal year 2026 and ideas for fiscal year 2027.

(2) SRT Phase 2 \$& 3

- (a) Phase 2 of the Great Western Trail repair is scheduled to start Monday May 18th. The repairs will start at 30th Ave and Hamilton Street. Then they will work their way South finishing at the trail head located in Martensdale.

(3) Strategic Planning through 2026

- (a) Director Hall has met with Operations and Environmental Education Staff to discuss the strategic plan. He is modeling the plan after Webster County Conservation and making it more of a big picture plan verses a list of projects.

(4) Playscape Update: Website Progress

- (a) EE Coordinator Longnecker has been working with Bolten & Menk to create a website specifically for the playscape. They will host the website but have crafted it resemble the WCCB website. There will be a link within the WCCB Site for people to access information about the playscape.

(5) Archery Fundraiser Planning

- (a) EE Coordinator Longnecker would like to put together an archery tournament to raise funds for the playscape. If it goes well she hopes to turn it into an annual event.

iii) Financial Report

- (i) Angie Croll made a motion to approve the financial report. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

(2) Year to Date

- (a) Director Hall presented the year-to-date budget.
- (b) Angie Croll made a motion to accept the financial reports. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

(3) Approval of Bills

- (a) Angie Croll made a motion to approve the bills as submitted. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

iv) Staff Reports

- (1) WCCB staff shared what they were most proud of since the last board meeting.

v) Adjournment

- (1) Angie Croll made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and move into closed session at 6:30 pm. Jake Sickels seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried.