



CLAYTON COUNTY CONSERVATION

Promote the health and general welfare of the people; to model and encourage preservation, conservation, education and recreation through responsible use and appreciation of our natural resources and cultural heritage.

Aug 8, 2025

BOARD MEETING

8am at Osborne Welcome Center

President Daryl Landsgard called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Members present were Dave Asche, Kris Lau, and Larry Stone. Director Jenna Van Meeteren, CCED Coordinator Kelsi Davis, and Office Manager Molly Scherf were also present.

Stone made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional items printed in red, seconded by Asche. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Lau made a motion to approve July 2025 minutes, seconded by Asche. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Stone made a motion to pay the claims, Asche seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the monthly report provided by the Auditor's Office.

New Business

1. Consider Awarding LP Contract for 2025-2026:

One bid was received from Mulgrew Oil for \$1.27/gal totaling \$7,620 for 6,000 gallons requested. Stone made a motion to approve this LP bid, seconded by Lau. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

2. Kelsi Davis, CCED Coordinator Annual Update:

Davis gave the board a review of her first year in the position.

3. Native Wildlife Exhibit Update:

On July 28th staff noticed the bobcat had a limp and vet was immediately contacted. Vet arrived on 29th to clip the nails as well as shave the matted hair clump. Two days after this procedure staff noticed insects on a wound that had occurred during the shaving so vet was called back out. USDA inspector was also making a visit at this time and was happy with how proactive the staff was to treat the bobcat and contact vet services. After all of this unfortunately the bobcat passed away. Staff believes he was over 30 years old which is amazing for one in captivity.

4. Discuss listed properties in Clayton County:

Van Meeteren discussed that several woodland properties nearby, that are for sale, have been shared with her. Her question to the board was should we make more efforts to plan for properties that come up in the future. Van Meeteren expressed there is no budget for land acquisitions at this time but perhaps if the board was in favor they could plan for that in the future.

5. Consider Resolution for REAP Grant Application – 08-2025:

The City of Elkader approved their resolution for the joint REAP application for Pony Hollow Trail Expansion. Stone made a motion for the CCCB to approve the resolution 08-2025 for the county's portion of the application, seconded by Asche. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Roll call vote was taken; Stone, aye; Lau, aye; Asche, aye; Landsgard, aye; Kregel, absent.

6. Consider MOU Pony Hollow Trail with City of Elkader:

Van Meeteren has written a trail MOU maintenance agreement that was reviewed and approved by the county attorney. It states the county will maintain the trail located within the city limits for 25 years.

Asche made a motion to approve the MOU and give it to the city to sign, seconded by Stone. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

7. Tour the Cabin Prairie Proposed Project:

The board toured the prairie area with Naturalist, Slocum. They offered suggestions and guidance after hearing his ideas.

Old Business

1. HRDP Grant Update:

Van Meeteren expressed that this grant is not fully approved yet without the BOS signature. She has spoken to the state and they have extended the deadline of acceptance. It is her recommendation to approve signing of the agreement. Stone made a motion to approve having the BOS sign the agreement, seconded by Lau. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

2. Pony Hollow Trail Update

Next steps are the Army Corp of Engineer agreements. Plan development happening this week. September should be Federal HWY approval and 37 acres of easement approval.

3. IA Forestry Resiliency Partnership Program – Clayton Co. Objectives:

Asche explained that based on properties selected; 167 acres TSI and 24 acres planting adds up to about \$65,000. Allamakee has another \$6-7,000. Need to get the minimum for the grant up to \$100,000. More tree planting will increase it the easiest. The board will review the plan and see where they think more tree work or planting could work or decide to take existing plan and see what happens.

Upcoming Programs/Events available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 646 individuals and 189 groups in July.

Env. Edu. Numbers for the past month included 47 presentations to 228 youth and 120 adults, 44 hours.

The patrol truck has a fuel pump issue that was repaired this week. Torkelsons recommended adding a gas pump filter to our unleaded tank.

A stormwater inspector came to check Osborne Campground. Van Meeteren stated this was an oversight on her part and no paperwork had been filed to close this permit. All looked good on site just missing paperwork. No fine is expected.

The board discussed the possibility of putting up a sign pointing to the new campground considering it is hidden from the HWY with the trees. No decision was made.

Adjournment

Asche made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lau. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting scheduled: Sept 9, 2025 at 8:30AM