

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 20, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bill Waldie, President  
Carolyn Buckingham, Vice Pres.  
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary  
Zac Hall  
Connie Mutel

STAFF MEMBERS:

Brad Freidhof, Director  
Ally Skidmore, Office Assistant  
Dave Gustafson, Asst. Op. Supt.  
Charlie Bray, Ranger II

OTHER STAFF:

Ryan Maas, Assistant County Attorney  
Lisa Green-Douglass, BOS

President Bill Waldie called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Carolyn Buckingham to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Special Meeting minutes of December 16, 2025. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Zac Hall to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$33,084.40, department 40 in the amount of \$1,125.60, department 82 in the amount of \$25,151.81, and department 83 in the amount of \$176,231.36. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Brad Freidhof reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Marcus Dyer introduced himself and asked about Iowa Outdoors Day.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Oath of Office for Bonnie Winslow-Garvin.  
Reappointed to serve until 12/31/2030

Administered by Ryan Maas, Assistant County Attorney.

2. Discussion/Action – Election of officers

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to elect Bonnie Winslow Garvin as President, Carolyn Buckingham as Vice President, and Zac Hall as Secretary of the Johnson County Conservation Board. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with unanimous vote.

3. Discussion/Action – Review of Annual Conservation Board processes and tasks.

Discussion only.

4. Discussion/Action – Annual review of the By-laws and Policy Manual.

Discussion only.

5. Discussion/Action – Review of the Johnson County Conservation Board Rules and Regulations.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve edited document presented by the Director with consensus to return to items as discussed. Second by Connie Mutel with roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Hall, aye; Buckingham, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye.

6. Discussion/Action – Iowa Water Quality Network funding request from Larry Weber, Director of Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research – Hydro science and Engineering (IIHR), from the November 17, 2025, Joint Meeting with Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to invest \$50,000 into the Iowa Water Quality Network as discussed. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with unanimous vote.

Board took a break from 7:36 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

7. Discussion/Action – FY2027 Budget

Discussion only.

8. Discussion/Action – MOU with Amy Hansen for summer camp at Kent Park.

Motion was made by Zac Hall to approve the presented MOU. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with unanimous vote.

9. Discussion/Action – Motion was made by Bill Waldie to go into closed session at 8:04 p.m. regarding potential purchase of particular real estate per 21.5(1)(j) Code of Iowa to discuss purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Seconded by Carolyn Buckingham with a roll-call vote as follows: Buckingham, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Waldie, aye; Hall, aye; Mutel, aye.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:50 pm.

10. Discussion/Action – Relative items discussed in closed session – if needed.

No action/discussion

Announcements/Correspondence:

Public Hearing for Kent Park Campground Shower House – Thursday January 22, 2026, 5:30 p.m. Johnson County Administration Building Room 110 – the Betty Sass Conference Room.

Next Regular of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 5:30 pm – Johnson County Administration Building, Room 120

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 17th day of February 2026.

Signature on File  
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, President

Signature on File  
Zac Hall, Secretary