

Iowa County Conservation

Agenda

May 13th 2026, 6:00pm

Iowa County Annex, Marengo, IA

Board Members In Attendance:

Staff In Attendance:

Call To Order

1. Pledge Of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Open Forum
 - a. Public Comment-
 - b. Board Comment-
4. Approval of Minutes-
5. Approval of Bills-
6. Staff Updates-
 - a. Blair-In April I engaged with the public at the nature center, our parks, and through our social media. I prepared, presented and cleaned up many in-class programs and field trips for several Iowa county schools, with school program engagement information as follows: Program student participants **754 students, and 125 adults, with 835 contact hours**. I prepared staffed or presented and cleaned up for some upcoming public programs/events including Open Nature Center Saturday program, REA Inc programming. I fed and cleaned the enclosures of our education animals. I attended staff meetings. I worked on planning summer programs, making lessons, and purchasing materials for them. All staff started to plan the 2026 Iowa County Outdoor Adventure event.
 - b. Trickett- in attendance
 - c. Wuebker- Ready, Set & GO! 2026 camping season is here and in full swing. Shower house facilities have been turned on and operational since the middle of April. No major issues with getting those facilities running. In addition to shower houses opening, we have commenced our routine mowing for each week. We welcomed our new staff Molly Hicks April 23 and Connor Trickett on May 4. Welcome you two and look forward to seeing what this team can do for the progression for Iowa County. I have ordered rock to be delivered and spread on core areas of concern within park roadways

system that needs rock. Should be completed within the next week. Just earlier this week we completed prescribed burns on an additional 6.5 acres within the LIP system. April 29th I had Juniors & Seniors from English Valley High School out to assist with picking up sticks throughout the campground & shelter areas. On Friday May 1st I had 14 Iowa Valley students assisting with trash cleanup at Gateway Park. On Wednesday May 6 we partnered with District Forester, Mark Vitosh to assist with the Master Conservationist program provided by Iowa State Extension at the Gunderson property. This seminar provided a boots on the ground - walk and talk opportunity for 10 master conservationist prospects to see work completed thus far on a habitat restoration project, examples of quality timber/prairie areas in general and knowledge on a multi-use recreational area. Hopefully, everyone has a great Memorial Day weekend coming up.

d. Hicks/Minnich- in attendance

7. Business

a. Lake Iowa Park

- i. Work around the park
- ii. AED addition to beach area

b. Business

- i. Housing Policy viewing/vote
- ii. Vote on Removal of Elizabeth Capron from Checking account
- iii. Emergency repair of LINC HVAC
- iv. Salary Certification 3%

c. Pilot Grove

- i. Management conducted

d. Gunderson Wildlife Area

- i. Master Conservationist tour of Gunderson

e. Gateway Park & Preserve

- i. Project Updates
- ii. Gateway Cameras
- iii. Gateway Project Public Hearing

8. Next Meeting June 10th at 6:30pm

9. Adjournment