



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.

January 13, 2026

Board Minutes

Chairman Daryl Landsgard called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Members present included Daryl Landsgard, Gary Kregel, Larry Stone, Kim Lau, Office Manager Molly Scherf, and Director Jenna Van Meeteren.

Stone motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Lau. All voted in favor, agenda approved. Kregel motioned to approve the December minutes, seconded by Lau. All voted in favor, minutes approved. Kregel motioned to approve the claims, seconded Lau. All voted in favor, claims approved. The board reviewed the financial statement provided by the county auditor.

Old Business

1. Motor Mill Stabilization –

Director Van Meeteren contacted the State Historic Preservation Office and is waiting to hear guidance from them on how to proceed with contractors and engineer firms. The structural engineers that have looked at the space are not agreeing on what needs to be done. The Geotech that looked at it doesn't feel they are needed.

Original focus was on the two piers (vertical stabilization) but now horizontal stabilization is something to consider as part of the long-term solution.

2. Pony Hollow Trail-

Van Meeteren is preparing the PIF (Public Interest Finding) to submit with final plans. Easement has been recorded with Steve Holst. The Moyna properties must complete a transfer and surveys before they can record the easements. City and state will both have a public hearing notice and meeting before getting approval. Van Meeteren explained we are still on track for an April 21, 2026 bid letting- if DOT approves the PIF.

3. Osborne Campground –

The final Destination Iowa Grant reimbursement has been received. Project closeout is complete.

New Business

1. Election of Officers 2026 --

Kregel made a motion to have officers retain their positions for another year, seconded by Stone. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Daryl Landsgard-Chair

Gary Kregel- Vice Chair

Larry Stone- Secretary

2. Review Bylaws --

The board reviewed the bylaws that were sent out prior to the meeting. No changes were recommended.

3. Consider Approval of 2025 Annual Report --
The board reviewed and discussed the annual report. Stone made a motion to approve the annual report, seconded by Kregel. All voted in favor and motion carried.
4. Consider Pony Hollow Trail LED Coneflower Art Light Installation Agreement with TRRC –
This solar light installation will be placed in the north parking lot of the trail. Grant money (UMGC) covers the fabrication and installation. Stone made a motion to sign the agreement as the property owner, seconded by Kregel. All voted in favor, motioned carried.
5. Consider Approval of FY27 Budget Proposal –
Van Meeteren added the Forest Resiliency Grant into the Reserve revenue and expense accounts. This was the majority of the changes made from the previous meeting. Stone made a motion to approve the FY27 budget, seconded by Kregel. All voted in favor, motion passed. Van Meeteren and Scherf will present this budget to the BOS on Jan 27th at 9:45.
6. Review and Consider Approval of Interview Questions –
The board reviewed and discussed questions that another county used for the director position. No action was made at this time.

Upcoming Programs/Events available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 37 individuals and 5 groups in December
Env. Edu. Numbers for December included 51 presentations to 755 youth and 110 adults, 35.75 hours
The generator for the Welcome Center was serviced and repaired.

Meeting Adjourned: MOTION_Kregel, Second_Stone_: Vote_yes_
Next meeting scheduled: February 10, 2026