

MINUTES

(January 6, 2026)

PRESENT: Bridget Chatfield, Pat Wagner, Lori King, Mike Palsic-via phone, Pam Marzen, Larry Lacore and Mike Miner. Absent: Mark Ross

Motion by King to accept the consent agenda (minutes and claims). Second by Palsic. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received updates on several key initiatives, including the sale of the second truck to the county road department, the production of fire rings, TSI work in the wildlife areas, and the plowing of the first 3 miles of trail in Riceville.

The Board received an update on the progress of the Water Trail Project. Payment number 6 was not submitted; no action is needed.

A motion by Chatfield, seconded by Palsic, to approve Resolution No. 2026-1.

Resolution No. 2026 – 1

Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, the Mitchell County Conservation Board does hereby authorize the Executive Director to pay regular, routine, monthly bills up to a limit of \$2,500.00,

FUTHERMORE, any bills higher than \$2,500.00 or bills that are not in the normal course of business, would be held for official authorization by the Board at a regular Board meeting.

Upon roll call the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Pat Wagner, Lori King, Mike Palsic, and Bridget Chatfield

Nayes:

Abstain:

WHERE UPON, this resolution was declared duly adopted by the Mitchell County Conservation Board on this 6th day of January, 2026.

The Board reviewed a proposed budget for the fiscal year 2027. After discussion, a motion by King, seconded by Wagner, to accept the proposed budget for REAP, Recycling Center, and Conservation Departments, and to include a 3% cost of living increase for all full-time staff. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn at 7:42 pm

Mark Ross 2-10-26
Chairman