

ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES

April 6th, 2026

Members Present:

Denise Palmer – Board Chair, Lewis Ridenour, Scott Burton, Matthew Bader

Others Present:

Mayor Terry Frank, Andrew Stone – Secretary

The Conservation Board meeting was called to order at 5:00pm on April 6th, 2026.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Matt Bader, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Matt Bader, to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 10th, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period:

No members of the public present.

Unfinished Business:

1st Item of Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held regarding the status of the road erosion repair at Anderson County Park. Board Chair Palmer reported that the Road Superintendent, Gary Long, will be meeting with the Budget Committee on Thursday, April 9th.

Item deferred to next meeting.

2nd Item of Unfinished Business:

Mayor Terry Frank provided an update regarding the preliminary concept design and location of the new Claxton Community Park.

3rd Item of Unfinished Business:

Mayor Terry Frank provided updates on designs and grant funding progress for the Lost Bottom and Gibbs Ferry projects.

4th Item of Unfinished Business:

Parks Director Ben Taylor, who was unable to be present for the meeting, provided an update that the shoreline erosion projects at the nature trail and at site C10 have been completed.

Campsite Leveling Project:

Discussion was held regarding the leveling of multiple campsites near the waterfront, with the project to begin sometime in the Fall.

The Board requested that Parks Director Ben Taylor provide additional cost estimates for equipment rental and labor to accompany the quote currently on file at the next meeting. Item deferred to next meeting.

Board Meeting Date & Time Review:

Discussion was held to potentially change the Conservation Board's scheduled meetings from the first Monday of each calendar month.

Currently, the Board has decided to stay with the current date.

No motion required.

Park Employee Salary Study:

Lewis Ridenour discussed the current salaries of Park Staff.

The Board requested that Mayor Terry Frank obtain salary comparisons for similar positions from neighboring jurisdictions. The Board also requested that Secretary Andrew Stone provide updated job descriptions for park staff, and that Parks Director Ben Taylor complete annual staff evaluations to assist with future salary discussions. Item deferred to next meeting.

New Business:

No new business discussed.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for May 4th, 2026