

Meeting Minutes Feb 12th, 2026

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Chair Wacha

**Board Members Present:**

Wacha, Kenkel, Filloon, Dunning (via Zoom)

**Staff Present:**

Behrens, Horne

**Public Comment:** None

**Information Items:**

Maintenance Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Horne provided the maintenance report for the month of January.

Naturalist Report:

Director Behrens provided the Naturalist report for education and outreach for the month of January.

Director Report:

Director Behrens provided his report for the month of January.

**Action Items:**

Nature Center Improvement purchases:

Behrens presented potential Nature Center event hall and overall building improvements, including window covers, security cameras, and multimedia updates including TVs, and connectivity for guests and renters.

The Board requested more research on additional window covering options as well as better understanding of price changes for security cameras and current alarm system.

Motion by Wacha to approve the purchase of new multimedia equipment for the Nature Center, including 4 TVs, 4 accompanying soundbars, 4 wall mount brackets, and HDMI connectivity devices for a total cost not to exceed \$7500. Seconded by Kenkel. Votes: Wacha-yes; Kenkel-yes; Filloon-yes, Dunning-no. Motion passes.

New Equipment purchases:

Director Behrens presented quotes for a mower trade in as well as pricing for a skid steer attached auger for drilling large holes.

Motion by Kenkel to approve the purchase of a new Zero Turn mower from John Deere as quoted, with trade in value of existing mower, along with the purchase of the included quoted augur attachment for the existing skid steer. Seconded by Filloon. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Animal Inventory Reporting:

Member Dunning requested nature center animals be required to get a yearly wellness exam.

Director Behrens stated he would research vet costs for the turtles and snakes.

**Discussion:**

Cabin Research

Director Behrens provided an update on discussions with utilities providers for potential power and water needs for potential cabins.

Nature Center updates

Director Behrens provided updates and ideas on Nature Center basement and upstairs improvements, including modifications to the front lobby to include a service window, and discussions with architects regarding potential planning for the basement.

Ike's Refresher Course:

Director Behrens provided an update on the date and time of the Ike's refresher course being offered on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Kenkel to approve the Meeting Minutes and Claims for February 2026. Seconded by Filloon. All voting in favor. Motion passes.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn by Kenkel. Seconded by Filloon. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.