

Special Meeting
Buchanan County Conservation Board
January 21, 2020

This special meeting was held for the purposes of strategic planning, and was scheduled separately from regular meeting dates to provide a longer period for discussion. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Fontana Nature Center.

The meeting began at 3 p.m. with a tour of various amenities and grounds at Fontana Park. Board members present included Loren Hamilton, Anita Miller, Ron Wolfe, and Mary Jean Blaisdell. Others present: Director Dan Cohen.

The Board returned to the Board Classroom at Fontana Park to conduct the rest of the meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda by Wolfe/Miller. All aye.

Now comes Andy Crump

The Director summarized some of the many tools the Board may consider in its strategic planning, including various state, local, and federal plans and surveys. Most attention was given to the Needs Assessment Survey of county residents last completed in 2015.

The Board was provided a copy of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) activity results from previous strategic planning, and further indicated weaknesses and opportunities relevant to infrastructure at Fontana Park.

The Director shared a brainstormed list of potential infrastructure needs/desires as identified by staff during a recent session the Director facilitated with staff. Board members commented on, and added to, this brainstormed list.

Cohen discussed the next process requiring Board Members to think critically about the list, consider information from various plans and surveys and the Board's mission and purposes, and begin prioritizing projects appropriate for Fontana Park. Board members requested a larger aerial photo to allow them to pencil-out some thoughts. Cohen will mail a large aerial photo along with a prioritization assignment.

Motion Crump/Blaisdell to adjourn. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.