

Strategic Planning Meeting
Buchanan County Conservation Board
March 16, 2019

The annual Strategic Planning meeting of the Buchanan County Conservation Board was held on March 26, 2019 at the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center. The meeting was called by Board President Loren Hamilton at 8:00 am. Board members present: Karen Stephenson, Anita Miller, Ron Wolfe and Andy Crump. Others present: Dan Cohen, Director.

The Board revisited and reinforced its Mission Statement: “Improving Quality of Life Through Programs of Conservation and Education”, and that outdoor recreation is inherent in this mission. Board activities need to be assessed as to their relevance to the mission and Board purposes before moving forward. Board members should have this mission memorized to repeat in public circles.

The Board reviewed an extensive list of potential projects from past Board/Staff discussion and plans, including in the Board’s Long-term Plan, Annual Reports/Updates, and REAP Plan. The discussion concentrated more on potential additions, changes, and schedules for facilities, properties, and other assets. Environmental education programming and ongoing operations were not part of this planning due to time constraints.

The Board discussed future strategic planning needs, including getting more information about proposed projects, narrowing down timelines and strategies, and then getting input from Board of Supervisors and potentially other stakeholders. The Board said it would consider a quote from an outside consultant for this process, and plans to work on a scheduled Needs Assessment Survey in 2020.

No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.