The Monday, March 11, 2024, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair, Trent Lambert, at 5:12 p.m. at Headquarters Office.

**Board Members Attending:** Trent Lambert (Chair), Julie Jeske (Vice-Chair), Bryan Meints, Kirk Rice, and Jo Baumann.

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Attending:** Wes Wiese (Director), Laura Carr (Office Assistant), and Craig Boomgarden (Operations Manager)

**Guests:** Ann Larson (BOS Executive Assistant), Lance Granzow (County Supervisor), Renee McClellan (County Supervisor), Korey DeBerg (Timber’s Edge), Tyler Prochaska

**Approval of Agenda:** Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 special meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**New Business:**

1. **Joint Meeting with Hardin County Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors provided an update on the upcoming budget, noting that cuts needed to take place. The Conservation Board was advised that any carry-over from this fiscal year would help in the upcoming fiscal year. The Board of Supervisors requested an update on The Lodge building project from the Conservation Board. The Director, Wes Wiese, stated that he will be presenting The Lodge project to the Destination Iowa Grant Committee on March 29th which is the final round of the grant, and the Board would know soon after if the project was selected to receive grant funds. Lance Granzow noted that the ARPA funds that have been designated for the project will need to be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Wes provided an estimated construction start date for this winter, dependent on the grant and bidding process. Information only, no motion required.

**Adjournment:** Next Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The Monday, March 11, 2024, special board meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was adjourned by Chair, Trent Lambert, at 5:47 p.m.