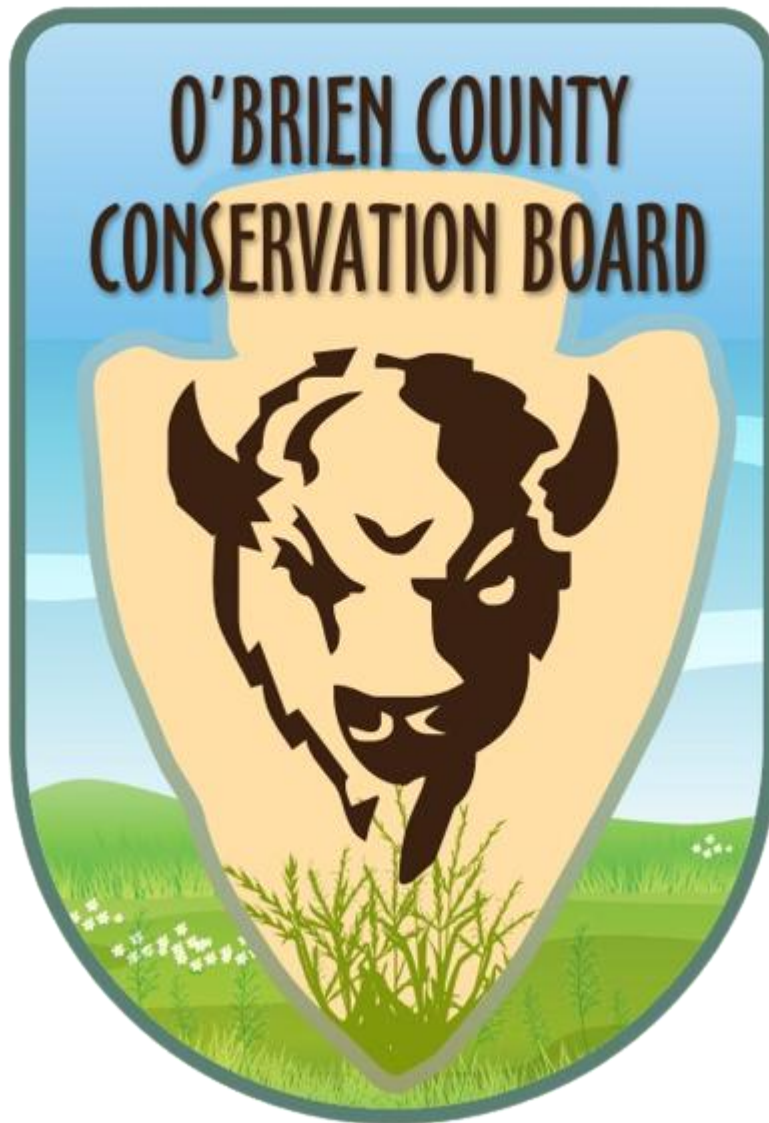


Quarterly Report



**October 1, 2025-
December 31, 2025**

Strategic Plan, Capital Improvement, and Land Protection Projects

To provide a connection to O'Brien County's historical, cultural, and natural resources through environmental education and outdoor recreation; and to preserve and protect our lakes, parks and natural areas to be accessible for all generations.

- Prairie Heritage Center Exhibit Renovation Project – McCullough Creative is currently fabricating the new exhibits; project is tasked for installation in January 2025.

Prairie Heritage Center and Environmental Education

- Scheduled library programs were held at Hartley, Primghar, Paullina, and Sheldon.
- Mill Creek Fall Fest – Trick or Treating Event was well attended by a few hundred people in October.
- Routine programs at various senior care facilities were held.
- Naturalist attended the Fall IAN Conference and ICCS New Employee School.
- Classroom programs began and have been held at multiple school districts and private schools throughout the county on a scheduled timeline.
- Youth Pheasant hunt was held at Crosbie Youth Wildlife Area, in partnership with O'Brien County Sportsman's Club.
- Rotunda area was cleared of existing exhibits, walls patched and painted.
- Reception desk was removed and new flooring placed.
- New exterior doors began to be installed, completed in January.
- Northwestern College class designed and installed an exhibit focusing on the Little Sioux River. The plan is to have a new exhibit each fall by a new class of students.

Parks & Natural Areas

Dog Creek Park:

- Campgrounds and bathroom were closed and winterized.
- Skyview and Lakeview cabins were repaired, patched, and sealed.
- Grain bin cabins were cleaned as necessary.
- Roads were graded.
- Wood storage shed was cleaned out and organized.
- Snow removal as necessary to accommodate cabin renters and anglers.
- Brush pile on north side was burned.

Mill Creek Park:

- Campground and bathrooms were closed and winterized.
- Cabins were cleaned as necessary.
- In floor heat boiler system in 12W was repaired.
- Additional dead and dying trees have been removed from maintained areas.
- Roads are graded routinely.
- Forestry mulching and mowing continued throughout the park.
- Dam area was cleared of all woody vegetation as dictated by an inspection report found in the office. Area was seeded with native vegetation.
- Undeveloped areas between shop, highway, golf course and dam was cleared of invasive and exotic vegetation. Accomplished by forestry mulcher, chainsaw, and skid loader operations. Debris was burnt, stumps were removed and ground raked in preparation for frost seeding of native vegetation.
- Snow removal as necessary to accommodate cabin renters and other park visitors.
- Trails were groomed for cross country skiing by volunteers when conditions were favorable.
- Brush piles were burnt throughout the park.

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Equipment:

- Staff have maintained and serviced all equipment and vehicles.

Staff:

- Staff attended ICCS District 3 meetings, ICCS New Employee School, IAN conference, LSWCP meetings, ICCS E-Commerce Conference, and OCED meeting.
- Staff completed trainings for pesticide applicators, first aid/aed/cpr, and CCPOA annual training.