

There was a work session prior to the regular board meeting to tour the Big Hollow and view upcoming renovations.

1. Call to Order

Julie Solinski called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:50 p.m. at the Big Hollow shop.

Those Members Present: James Garnjobst, Julie Solinski, Matthew Haas, Cathy Ziglar and Bob Hansen

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, EE Coordinator Rundell

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None.

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. None

4. Approval of Minutes for July 06, 2022:

- #33** a. Motion by Bob Hansen, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the minutes of the July 06, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Approval of Claims for July 2022:

- #34** a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by James Garnjobst to approve the claims for July 2022. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. Optimist of Burlington / West Burlington - \$156.00.
- b. Michael Dowell - \$20 for SCNC.
- c. Mediapolis Savings Bank - \$300 for 60 for 60 Raffle.
- d. Xvision Graphics - 36 AA batteries, (2) 36GB SD cards & two can koozies.

7. Committee Reports:

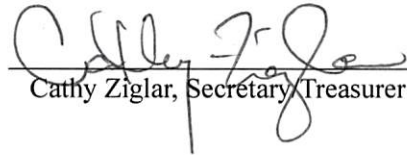
- a. **Shooting Range:** No Report.
- b. **Observatory:** Held a meeting, they are experiencing record crowds.
- c. **Legislative:** No Report.
- d. **Water Quality:** The barriers around the beach are doing well. Chris is meeting with Soil & Water and the DNR about the Watershed Coordinator.
- e. **Big Holloween:** There is a meeting on August 17 at 6 p.m. for the volunteers.

8. Project Updates:

There is a well at the Starr's Cave residence that will need filled. We were not awarded an AmeriCorps team this Fall. We are working with DNR Forestry on Hunt Woods. Flint River Bow Hunters has started S3DA, similar to trap shooting, but for archery. They are the only team in Iowa and have almost 40 members. Partners for Conservation has all the paperwork in order to conduct the 60 for 60 raffle. Kelly Rundell is leaving the EE Coordinator position later this month. Naming rights for the cabin has been sold. Looks like we will have to address the UTV/ATV situation with the new State Legislation. With fuel and maintenance costs, we are looking at a budget deficit.

9. **Old Business:**
a. **Hickory Bend Land Acquisition:**
A discussion was held about acquiring a parcel of land that was offered to us adjacent to Hickory Bend.
10. **New Business:**
a. **Special Board Meeting:**
There will be a Special Board Meeting on August 12 at Starr's Cave Nature Center to approve a REAP Grant application.
11. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
a. **The Volunteer Dinner is August 12, 5-8 p.m. at Starr's Cave.**
b. **The DMCC Summer Celebration is August 13, 12-3 p.m. at Starr's Cave**
12. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.**
Next meeting will be held at the Starr's Cave Nature Center located at 11627 Starr's Cave Rd., Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Friday August 12, 2022.
The public is welcome.


Julie Solinski, Chair


Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer