

1. **Call to Order**  
Julie Solinski called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.


**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, Zach James.

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**  
**Move Item 10b of Agenda to First Item:**  
#15 a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Bob Hansen to move item 10b to 3a.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
3. **Delegations/Public Input:**  
a. Zack James presented the board with a Transportation Planning award.
4. **Approval of Minutes for March 02, 2022:**  
#16 a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Matthew Haas to approve the minutes of the March 02, 2022, Board Meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
5. **Approval of Claims for March 2022:**  
#17 a. Motion by Matthew Haas, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for March 2022.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
6. **Committee Reports:**  
a. **Shooting Range:** No Report.  
b. **Observatory:** The first meeting was held at the Burlington Public Library. There were about 20 people in attendance. Reservations begin soon.  
c. **Legislative:** The bill containing the language to fund the trust has passed to the full committee. It does not look like it has the traction to move forward. There is a legislative forum on Friday at the Greater Burlington Partnership. The State has announced a 100 million dollar investment in tourism and outdoor recreation.  
d. **Water Quality:** We should have feedback from the EPA on the Big Hollow study soon.
7. **Project Updates:**  
The concrete is poured at the Big Hollow boat ramp. We are just waiting on the second half to cure. There is a ribbon cutting scheduled for noon on Friday. Ryan graduates from ILEA this month. Most of our parks are open or almost opened. Our nesting owl at Starr's Cave has been featured in several news articles over the past couple of weeks. The Housman property is being closed on and we were approached to see if we were still interested in part of the parcel. Kelly is presenting to Kiwanis to try for a camp sponsorship. Titan Broadcasting held a 69 cent sale. We have \$3,000 in advertising revenue to use. Chris has submitted our end of FY budget amendment. The camp hosts move into Big Hollow and Welter this week.

8. **Old Business:**
- a. **Budget and Finances**  
A discussion about the FY22/23 budget was held.
- a. **Approval of Letter to Board of Supervisors:**  
#18 Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Bob Hansen to approve the letter.  
Motion passed 3-1 with James Garnjobst against. The board wanted unanimous approval, so the letter was reworded.
- Motion by Matthew Haas, seconded by James Garnjobst to approve the re-worded letter.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
9. **New Business:**
- a. **Approval of Top Gun Range Closure Request:**  
#19 Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Matthew Haas to approve the request.  
Motion passed unanimously by those board members present.
10. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. **Field Tours**  
b. **Award Presentation - SEIRP. (Moved to 3a.)**  
c. **ISAC Conference Report. (Moved to next month)**
11. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.**  
Next meeting will be held at the Starr's Cave Nature Center, 11627 Starr's Cave Rd., Burlington, IA.  
Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday May 04, 2022. There will be a work session one hour prior. The public is welcome.

  
Julie Solinski, Chair

  
Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer