1. Call to Order

Cathy Ziglar 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: Cathy Ziglar, James Garnjobst, Dan Hockett, Ron Helling and Julie Solinski via Zoom.

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, BoS McCampbell via phone.

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

a. None

4. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from February 07, 2024 and February 2024 Claims:

#7 a. Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by James Garnjobst to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Acceptance of Donations:

a. Ted, Sally Rodeffer & Family - \$300 for Starr's Cave Nature Center programming.

6. Committee Reports:

- **a. Foundation:** Banquet will be held April 4, 2024, planning is coming along.
- **b. Observatory:** The first meeting of the year is March 21.
- c. Legislative: There are still several bills we are tracking.
- **d.** Water Quality: There is a land owner dinner March 19. On March 28, the annual report is due. They are working on a grant for creek signage.

7. Project Updates:

Chris is on the local RAGBRAI committee. There is law enforcement training this week for staff that will be patrolling this year.

8. Old Business:

#8 a. Approve Big Hollow Timber Sale Bid:

Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the bid. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

b. Conservation Easement on Alliant Property:

Discussed the possible addition next to Sullivan Slough where we would manage a bat mitigation site provided we could offer it as public hunting ground.

9. New Business:

#9 a. Hunter's Ed. Shooting Range Closure Request:

Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the closure.

Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

#10 b. Top Gun Range Closure Request:

Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the closure. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

#11 c. Approve FEMA Boat Ramp Reconstruction Bid:

Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the low bid to Ron Wooldridge Trucking. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

#12 d. Approve Big Hollow Electric Bid:

Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the low bid to Winger Contracting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

#13 e. Approve Big Hollow Concrete Bid:

Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Dan Hockett to approve the low bid to Hickey Contracting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

10. Informational Items/Correspondence:

a. None

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Next meeting will be held at the Starr's Cave Nature Center at 11627 Starr's Cave Road in Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday April 03, 2024. The public is welcome.

Cathy Ziglar, Chair

Julie Solinski, Secretary/Treasurer