

**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 Starr's Cave Nature Center.

**Those Members Present:** Julie Solinski, Ron Helling Dan Hockett, Terry Davis and Kathy Wunderlich.

**Those Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, NRCS Big Hollow watershed coordinator Tom Brockett.

**2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. None

**3. Delegations/Public Input:**

- a. None

**4. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from March 05, 2025 and March claims:**

- #12** a. Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**5. Acceptance of Donations:**

- a. MTC - for banquet sponsorship.  
b. Zaiser's - sponsorship of the Woodlands Warrior Run.

**6. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Foundation:** John Mercer is the new chair. The I Heart County Parks banquet is tomorrow.  
b. **Observatory:** Terry met with Jim & Judy for a tour. An Internet connection has been set up by MTC.  
c. **Legislative:** No report.  
d. **Water Quality:** The quarterly newsletter was mailed to everyone in the watershed. Road signs are up in fields of participating members. The annual review was held. A conservation clinic was held last week in Mediapolis. There is a possibility of two terrace projects going in.

**7. Project Updates:**

We have figured out where the water leak is at Big Hollow. The water leak at Starr's Cave is about 15 gallons/hr. It will cost about 30k to bore a new line from the meter pit to replace. The budget looks like we will be OK unless we have another major spend. The banquet is tomorrow.

**8. Old Business:****Approve Alliant MOU & Contracts with Alliant:**

- #13** a. Motion by Dan Hockett, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the MOU and contract. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**9. New Business:**

- a. We have hired Shania Hansen as our new Naturalist.

**b. Approve Continuing the CORES Position Through the End of the FY:**

- #14** Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve funding the position through the end of FY.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

10. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. The I Heart County Parks Banquet is tomorrow.
  - b. Starr's Cave: History, Stories & Treasures is April 5.
  - c. Donate Live Run/Walk is April 12.
  - d. Earth Day cleanup is April 19.

11. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.**  
Next meeting will be held at Starr's Cave Nature Center at 11627 Starr's Cave Rd. in Burlington, IA.  
Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday May 07, 2025.  
The public is welcome.

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Julie Solinski, Chair

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Dan Hockett, Secretary/Treasurer

