

**1. Call to Order**

Ron Helling 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:** Ron Helling Dan Hockett, Terry Davis and Kathy Wunderlich.

**Those Members Absent:** Julie Solinski

**Others Present:** Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Jeff Breuer, 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 June 04, 2025 and June claims:**

**#20 a.** Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**5. Acceptance of Donations:**

a. See attached list.

**6. Committee Reports:**

a. **Foundation:** Held a meeting today to go over the Alliant Energy endowment agreement.

b. **Observatory:** The last two viewing were able to be held.

c. **Legislative:** No Report.

d. **Water Quality:** Water sample numbers have come back. Phosphorus numbers are lower, Nitrogen numbers are still elevated. There was another field day held. They had a booth set up at the Youth Jamboree. Work on wetland planning is still ongoing.

e. **Shooting Range:** The new signage is here.

**7. Project Updates:**

Chris is working with the Burlington Golf Club on possible routes for the Flint River Trail. Partners for Conservation held a meeting and reviewed Burlington River Days. Looks like mid \$20k for net proceeds. There were about 12,000 visitors, 35% of those were from outside of Burlington. We are changing some of the landscaping around the Nature Center. Youth Jamboree numbers are declining. With that, it will be rolled into Burlington River Days. There will be a stand-alone event held at Big Hollow in 2026 focused on the shooting range.

**8. Old Business:**

**#21 a. Formation of FEMA Buyout Property Advisory Committee:**

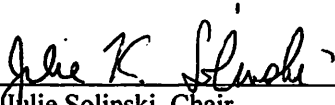
Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the Advisory Committee. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.


9. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**

- a. FY24 Budget Review
- b. Volunteer Dinner

10. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:14 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 August 06, 2025.  
The public is welcome.

  
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Julie Solinski, Chair

  
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Dan Hockett, Secretary/Treasurer