

**1. Call to Order**

Julie Solinski called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:31 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 Jeff Breuer, Tom Brockett, five members of the public.

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

- a. Move item 8c to the top.

**3. Delegations/Public Input:**

- a. None

**4. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from August 06, 2025 and August claims:**

- #24 a.** Motion by Dan Hockett, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**5. Acceptance of Donations:**

- a. **Allison Richert:** - \$10.00.
- b. **Allen Grooms:** - \$20.00 for EE programming.
- c. **David Miller:** - 12 life jackets for Big Hollow. Estimated value \$1,200.00

**6. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Foundation:** The friends group will meet on the 10. There is a raffle for River Days Lite going on. Genila will be fully retiring, so they will begin looking for a replacement.
- b. **Observatory:** Held their monthly meeting. Still progressing on some projects. There are several public viewings scheduled.
- c. **Legislative:** No Report, REAP conference is coming up.
- d. **Water Quality:** The lake is full of duckweed. IDALS & the DNR are still looking at the wetland for the East end of the lake. A strip till day was held. there are two terrace projects and 400 acres of cover crop.
- e. **Shooting Range:** No Report.

**7. Project Updates:**

Nothing new since the packet went out.

**8. New Business:**

- a. **Wind / Solar Energy Ordinance Discussion:**

A group of citizens from the Des Moines County NO! spoke to the board about the potential wind farm coming to the County.

**Approve Updated 4th Pumping Station Lease Agreement:**

- #25 b.** Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the Agreement. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

- #26 c. **Approve Eagle Scout Project for Witte Observatory:**  
Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Dan Hockett to approve the project.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #27 d. **Approve Starr's Cave Bridge Repair:**  
Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the repair.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
9. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**  
a. ISAC Conference report.  
b. IAN Conference report.  
c. Open Meeting / Open Records law changes & training.  
d. Proposed Wagner Memorial Park in Danville.
10. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:58 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 October 01, 2025.  
The public is welcome.

  
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Julie Solinski, Chair

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Dan Hockett, Secretary/Treasurer