

1. Call to Order

Julie Solinski called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:01 p.m. at Starr's Cave Nature Center.

Those Members Present: Julie Solinski Ron Helling, Dan Hocket and Kathy Wunderlich.

Those Members Absent: Terry Davis

Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Jeff Breuer, Tom Brockett, BoS Shane McCampbell via Zoom.

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

a. None

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

#32 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. Allen Grooms - \$20.00 for EE programming

6. Committee Reports:

a. **Foundation:** The foundation held a meeting and appointed two new members. They approved the agreement with Alliant for the endowment fund.

b. **Observatory:** No Report.

c. **Legislative:** Julie attended the ICCS meeting today. It looks like there will another effort to repeal IWLL.

d. **Water Quality:** There are REAP dollars available for windbreaks and TSI in Des Moines County. Due to the lack of significant running water, no samples have been taken since August. Two NRCS projects have been completed in the County. Two projects are approved in the watershed and will be completed in 2026.

e. **Shooting Range:** No Report.

7. Project Updates:

Next Tuesday is our annual day-long staff meeting. The Ranger house has been listed on Airbnb. The salesperson hired by the Foundation has left.

8. Old Business:

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

Further discussed the County Wind / Solar Ordinance.

9. New Business:

#33 a. **Approval of Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant Request:**

Motion by Kathy Wunderlich, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the request.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

- #34 b. **Approval of Water Recreation Access Cost-Share Grant Agreement for Sullivan Slough Boat Docks:**
Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the agreement.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- c. **FY27 Budget Discussion:**
A work session will be held on December 18 at 11am.
10. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
a. **IAN Conference Report**
11. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:04 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 January 7, 2026.
The public is welcome.



Ron Helling
Chair

Secretary/Treasurer