

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 the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

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

Those Members Absent: None

Others Present: Director Lee and Administrative Assistant Breuer, BoS Shane McCampbell via Zoom, one member of the public.

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. None

4. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from January 07, 2026 and January 2026 Claims:

- #12** a. Motion by Dan Hockett, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. John & Kathy Schneider - \$250 Banquet sponsor.
- b. F&M Bank & Trust - \$250 Banquet sponsor.
- c. Allen Grooms - \$20 EE donation.
- d. WM T Metz Trust - \$100 for Kevin Russell Memorial.
- e. Daniel & Marcia Wiedemeier - \$50,000 for Big Muddy's project.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Foundation:** Held the annual meeting.
- b. **Observatory:** Working on fixing up some benches.
- c. **Legislative:** The first funnel has been completed.
- d. **Water Quality:** The annual recap meeting will be at the Nature Center on March 15.
- e. **Shooting Range:** We are re-evaluating the clay bird throwers.

7. Project Updates:

Magnolia is working through the process for the Alliant property. We could possibly button it up this Summer. LWCF grant will be finalized and submitted this week. The field day held at Starr's Cave this past weekend was a huge success. Monday we had a staff field day and made more progress. The Strategic Plan is coming along and will be presented at the next meeting. Banquet work is moving along. There are memorial donations coming in for Kevin Russell. They will be used to reconstruct the pollinator garden by the new flagpole.

8. Old Business: None.

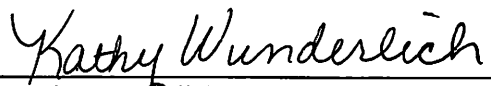
9. New Business:

- #13** a. **MOTUS Agreement with DNR:**
Motion by Dan Hockett, seconded by Terry Davis to approve the agreement.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

- b. Resolution Supporting LWCF Grant Application:**
#14 Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the application.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- a. Top Gun Range Closure Request:**
#15 Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Dan Hockett to approve the request.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- 10. Informational Items/Correspondence:**
a. Friends of DMC Parks Spring Cleanup Day - March 20.
b. I Heart County Parks banquet - April 4.
- 11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:18 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 March 4, 2026.
The public is welcome.



Ron Helling, Chair



Kathy Wunderlich, Secretary/Treasurer