

1. Call to Order

Ron Helling called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:35 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.

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

a. None

4. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from April 01, 2026 and April 2026 Claims:

#18 a. Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Acceptance of Donations: See attached list.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Foundation:** There is a meeting next week. River Days is coming up, radio ads have started.
- b. **Observatory:** There is a May 20 viewing. A memorial bench is going in for David Philabaum.
- c. **Legislative:** There is a regional meeting next week. They approved REAP at \$12M.
- d. **Water Quality:** No Report.
- e. **Shooting Range:** We are going to look at fobs to grant access the range.

7. Project Updates:

Sullivan Slough docks are out. Big Hollow is five sites away from filling up for Memorial Day Weekend 10 days out.

8. Old Business:

#19 a. DOT Mitigation Area Management Plan & 28E Agreement:

Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the management plan and 28E agreement. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

b. Long Term Camping Options:

The Board decided to revisit long term camping options in the future if demand warrants it.

9. New Business:

#20 a. Discussion About Purchasing a Vehicle from Secondary Roads:

Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to to authorize the director to purchase the vehicle if so desired. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

#21 b. Approval of Budget Amendment:

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

- #22 c. **Approval to Pursue RFP Process for Feasibility Study for Big Hollow Wetland in Partnership with DNR:**
Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the partnership for the study.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

10. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
a. **Fall ICCS Conference.**

11. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:30 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 June 1, 2026.
The public is welcome.



Ron Helling, Chair



Kathy Wunderlich, Secretary/Treasurer