

Des Moines County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2026

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: Ron Helling, Julie Solinski, Dan Hockett and Kathy Wunderlich.

Those Members Absent: Terry Davis

Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer and three members of the public.

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. Move 9(a) to top of agenda.

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. None

4. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2026 and June 2026 Claims:

- #25 a. Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. Allen Grooms - \$20 for EE programing
- b. Kiwanis Club of Burlington - \$5000 for EE programming

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Foundation:** Rivers Days is completed, the Foundation still has about 11k in sponsorships to collect. The volunteer dinner is August 13.
- b. **Observatory:** No Report.
- c. **Legislative:** REAP Assembly will be held July 22 here at the Nature Center.
- d. **Water Quality:** The RFP for the watershed study is being developed.
- e. **Shooting Range:** Still looking at the numbers / reasons for the drop in range memberships.

7. Project Updates:

No additional other than what was in the pre-meeting memo,

8. Old Business:

- a. **FEMA Buyout Area Encroachment:**

A discussion was held about the encroachment and consultation with the County Attorney's office.

- #26 b. **USG Mineral Rights Agreement:**

Motion by Kathy Wunderlich, seconded by Dan Hockett to approve the agreement provided the funds go to Conservation Reserve.

Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

9. New Business:

- #27 a. **Request to Rename / Co-name Casey Barrow River Access to Dahlsten's Landing:**

Motion by Kathy Wunderlich, seconded by Dan Hockett to rename the Casey Barrow River Access to Dahlsten's Landing at Casey Barrow River Access.

Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

10.

Informational Items/Correspondence:

a. Fall ICCS Conference

b. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - August 13, 5:30pm

11.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:31 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 5, 2026.

The public is welcome.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ron Helling", written over a horizontal line.

Ron Helling, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathy Wunderlich", written over a horizontal line.

Kathy Wunderlich, Secretary/Treasurer