

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 Big Hollow Recreation Area Ranger cabin.

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

Those Members Absent: Kathy Wunderlich.

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

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. Eliminate item 9a.
- b. Move item 9b to the top.

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. None

4. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2026 and August 2026 Claims:

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

5. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. **Allen Grooms** - \$20 for EE programing

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Foundation:** Held the quarterly meeting in August. The Big Muddy's agreement has been finalized.
- b. **Observatory:** There were two viewings in August. One public and one for campers.
- c. **Legislative:** They are still talking REAP and IWiLL. There is work being done on a more grass roots effort for IWiLL.
- d. **Water Quality:** IDALS & Tom Brockett met with six landowners about rock shoot dam installation. Five seemed receptive. They are still water sampling. So far, Tom has secured 586 acres of cover crops and 248 acres of strip till for next year.
- e. **Shooting Range:** No Report.

7. Project Updates:

Chris took the team out for boat training. There was a very good turnout for the full moon paddle.

8. Old Business:

- a. **FEMA Buyout Area Encroachment:**
There was ongoing discussion about the encroachment.

9. New Business:

- a. **Consider the Installation of a Shooting Range Entry Gate.**
It was decided at the work session this is not financially feasible.

#32 a. Discussion on Firearm Hunting at Hunt Woods:

Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Terry Davis to not allow firearm use in the park.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

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Informational Items/Correspondence:

a. Collette's Going Away Party - September 19, 1-4pm at Big Hollow.

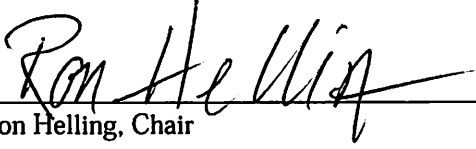
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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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 7, 2026.

The public is welcome.



Ron Helling, Chair

Kathy Wunderlich, Secretary/Treasurer