

1. **Call to Order**
Jim Steer, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:33 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

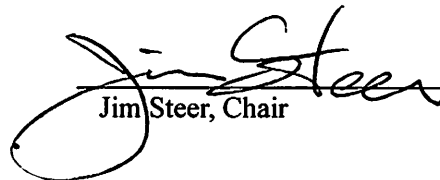
Those Members Present: Cathy Ziglar, Jim Steer, Bob Hansen, James Garnjobst and Julie Solinski

Those Members Absent: None

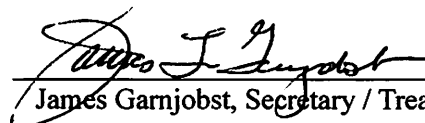
Others Present: Director Chris Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - a. None
3. **Delegations/Public Input:**
 - a. None
4. **Board Member Agreement & Oath of Office:**
 - a. Julie Solinski read the Oath of Office for the record and signed the Board Member Agreement.
5. **Election of Officers:**
 - a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Bob Hansen to appoint James Garnjobst as Secretary / Treasurer for remainder of 2018.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
6. **Approval of Minutes for March, 07 2018 :**
 - a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the minutes of the March 07, 2018 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
7. **Approval of Claims for March 2018:**
 - a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for March 2018.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
8. **Acceptance of Donations:**
 - a. Proceeds of Elks Basket - \$100
 - b. Great River Health System - (2) 14 - passenger shuttle busses
 - c. Jeff & Kay Breuer - \$500 for Big Hollow Playground
9. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Shooting Range:** Discussed Top Gun & berm height. Condition of ranges is good.
 - b. **Flint River Trails:** A pre-construction meeting was held for the center section.
 - c. **Observatory:** Electrician has begun work on the lighting upgrades. Rock has been delivered for the muddy sections. Lines are being painted in the parking lot. Friday public viewing begins this month.
 - d. **REAP/IWILL:** No activity. Right now REAP is still at \$12 million allocation. Something may break with IWILL as part of a tax package.
10. **Project Updates:**
 - a. **Surveys:** Online and postcard surveys are done. The big survey mailing will happen in late May / early June. There are two public forums coming.

- b. **Linder Property:** Property is closed on. There is a ribbon cutting set for 3pm, April 11. Parking lot is going in right now. The rules sign is being printed and the plaque is coming.
 - c. **Pilgram Property:** Iowa National Heritage Foundation will make purchase and hand property off to us.
 - d. **Camping:** All parks are open. There have been campers in the parks.
 - e. **Other Items:** An Eagle Scout built a dozen Leopold benches as a project. Graffiti has been cleaned from Starr's Cave. The new Nature Center displays are at the printer. A budget hearing is set to move some money around in our budget. Starr's Cave and Big Hollow averaged about 24 cars a day from January - March.
11. **Old Business:**
- a. None
12. **New Business:**
- a. **Assignment of Option to Purchase - Pilgram Property**
#13 Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by James Garnjobst to approve the transfer of option to purchase. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
 - b. **Approval of 2018 Farm Agreements**
#14 Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Bob Hansen to approve the farm agreements for 2018. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
 - c. **Approval of Alcohol for Two Events at Starr's Cave Nature Center**
#15 Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the alcohol requests. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
13. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. Dates for a field tour with the Supervisors were discussed.
14. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.**
Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday May 02, 2018.
The public is welcome.



Jim Steer, Chair



James Garnjobst, Secretary / Treasurer