

1. Call to Order

Jim Steer, Chair, 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: 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. Approval of Minutes for May 02, 2018 :

- #19** a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the minutes of the May 02, 2018 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. Approval of Claims for May 2018:

- #20** a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for May 2018. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. Greater Burlington Partnership / Imagine Funds - \$821.77 for Earth Day
- b. George & Mary Jo Gruenther - \$300 for Friends of Des Moines County Conservation
- c. Judith & LaVon Worley - \$200 for Friends of Des Moines County Conservation
- d. Kiwanis - \$5,000 for Starr's Cave camps
- e. Craig Neises - Camp kitchen valued at \$150 for SCNC camps
- f. James Garnjobst - \$30 for Susan Ross Memorial
- g. Bickel's - \$6,722.30 for North Gorge Trail, DM County bike rack project
- h. Walmart - \$1,000 for Earth Day
- i. Great River Health Marketing & Communications - \$500 for Earth Day
- j. Anonymous - \$5,000 for Big Hollow playground

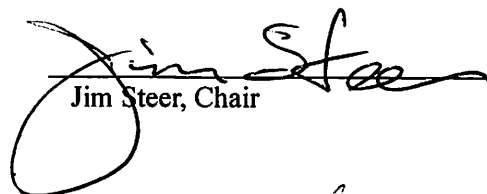
7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Shooting Range:** No items to report.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** No items to report.
- c. **Observatory:** No items to report.
- d. **REAP/IWILL:** No items to report.

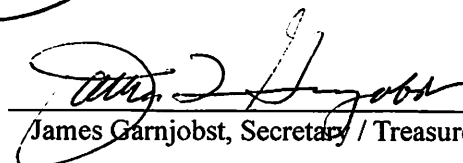
8. Project Updates:

- a. **ATV / UTV:** The county is working on an ATV / UTV ordinance to allow use on County Roads. we should have a draft at the July meeting.

- b. **Big Hollow:** Visitation has been incredible this year. We are running at about double the previous averages. We are turning campers away based on lack of availability. Staff is spread pretty thin due to the increased workload. The need of additional staff was discussed. Finishing touches are being done to the new pay kiosk in the campground. We have submitted a grant application to Wellmark for the playground.
 - c. **Hickory Bend:** The DOT mitigation project is all but done. The wetland had been completed and trees have been planted.
 - d. **Leopold Rec Area:** Another fish stocking was completed.
 - e. **Naturalist Position:** Our new naturalist is set to start on July 2.
 - f. **Trail Work:** Initial grading on the end sections of the FRT through Starr's Cave has started. We are still unsure of when the center section will start.
 - g. **Sheriff's Office Shared Deputy:** Still discussing the possibility of a shared deputy with the sheriff's office.
 - h. **Pilgram Property:** We should have possession in a couple of weeks. The Heritage Foundation now owns the property, they are working on transfer documents now.
 - i. **USG:** USG contacted us about purchasing mineral rights to a parcel under Big Hollow. We are researching whether we can sell them the rights due to the parcel being purchased with grants.
9. **Old Business:**
- a. None
10. **New Business:**
- a. **Employee Handbook:** There are no major changes to the FY18-19 Employee Handbook.
 - b. **July Meeting Date:** Due to the holiday, the July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 3.
11. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. The IACCB Fall Conference was discussed.
12. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:20 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 Tuesday 03, 2018.
The public is welcome.



Jim Steer, Chair



James Garnjobst, Secretary / Treasurer