

**1. Call to Order**

Cathy Ziglar called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at Starr's Cave Nature Center.

**Those Members Present:** Cathy Ziglar, Ron Helling, Dan Hockett and Julie Solinski.

**Those Members Absent:** James Garnjobst.

**Others Present:** Director Lee, Tom Brockett Big Hollow Watershed Coordinator.

**2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. None.

**3. Delegations/Public Input:**

- a. None.

**4. Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from August 07, 2024 and August 2024 Claims:**

- #23** a. Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**5. Acceptance of Donations:**

- a. **Chapter N.I. P.E.O.** - \$25.00 for SCNC.
- b. **Running Wild** - Two running shirts & duffel bag - \$81.00 value.

**6. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Foundation:** No report.
- b. **Observatory:** No Report.
- c. **Legislative:** With the passage of anti-gender balance rules on boards at the the State level, the DMCC board will pass a resolution at our next meeting recommending that the Board of Supervisors keep our board gender balanced.
- d. **Water Quality:** Tom Brockett reported that two additional farmers are adding cover crops this year.

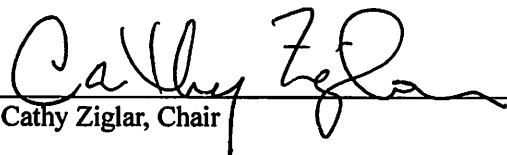
**7. Project Updates:**

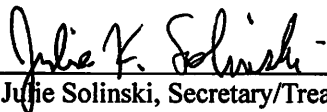
Chris introduced the new Watershed coordinator, Tom Brockett. With last week's storms, we had lots of debris down, mostly at SCNC and Hunt Woods. Crews have been working to clear the trails. Labor Day weekend was pretty uneventful. We had three no-shows at Big Hollow. The 4th was pretty full and Welter was mostly empty. The boat ramps are cleared off and we are just waiting on the contractor to re-rock. At this point, we may wait until next year. We are looking for ways to continue the CORES position with additional funding. REAP is in the process of re-writing their administrative rules.

**8. Old Business:**

- a. **Alliant Conservation Easement:**  
the Easement is nearly completed and we are waiting on the MOU.
- b. **Chautauqua Park Management:**  
The Board agreed the proposed plan was viable and Authorized Chris to seek public feedback.

- c. **Annual Report:**  
Chris presented the full Annual Report to the Board.
  - d. **Revenue Generating / Cost Cutting Ideas:**  
Several ideas were discussed. Chris will explore options and follow up at the October meeting.
9. **New Business:**
- a. **None.**
10. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. **ISAC Conference Report.**
11. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.**  
Next regular meeting will be held on the third floor of Starr's Cave Nature Center, located at 11627 Starr's Cave Road in Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday October 02 2024. The public is welcome.

  
Cathy Ziglar, Chair

  
Julie Solinski, Secretary/Treasurer