

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 and Julie Solinski, Dan Hockett.

Those Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer.

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - a. None.
3. **Delegations/Public Input:**
 - a. None.
4. **Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from September 04, 2024 and September 2024 Claims:**
#23 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. **Kiwanis Club of Burlington** - \$15,000 for CORES position funding.
 - b. **Allen Grooms** - \$20 monthly donation for youth EE programming.
 - c. **William J. Mullin Memorial** - \$500 for the Flint River Trail.
 - b. **Southeast Iowa Astronomy Club** - \$3,000 for Witte Observatory Maintenance.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Foundation:** No report.
 - b. **Observatory:** There is a public viewing tonight.
 - c. **Legislative:** The General Election is next month. It looks like IWill will have companion bills this coming year.
 - d. **Water Quality:** There is a meeting scheduled with the Corps about expanding the wetland area at Big Hollow. The watershed coordinator will hold a field day in November.
7. **Project Updates:**

Big Halloween is next weekend. We have scaled the event down quite a bit. We have received quotes for the drinking fountain and ADA improvements around the Nature Center. There is currently some work being done on the donor wall at Big Hollow to repair water / ice damage. Chris has some meetings set up to look at streamlining event sign-ups, shooting range membership and other registration type tasks. The loggers are starting this week at Big Hollow. They are harvesting about 125 trees. The Nature Center staff is putting together their Winter programming. The new board members will be appointed next Tuesday at the Supervisor meeting.

8. **Old Business:**

#24 a. **Accept Shooting Range Advisory Board User Fee Price Increases for Shooting Range Members:**
Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Ron Helling to accept the Advisory Board's recommendation of having one membership level priced at \$45, and a lifetime membership for \$750 to take effect in 2025. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

b. **Alliant Conservation Easement:**
Continued discussions on the easement.

9. **New Business:**

#25 a. **Gender Balance Recommendation for the Des Moines County Conservation Board:**
Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to keep the DMCC board as gender balanced as possible.
Motion failed by vote. Yea - Julie Solinski, Nay - Dan Hockett & Ron Helling.

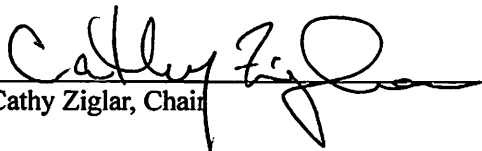
b. **Isaak Walton Lake Discussion with City of West Burlington:**
Discussed the meeting that was held at the Nature Center regarding the flooding issues West Burlington is having and how Isaak Walton Lake affects these issues.

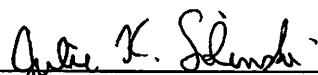
10. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**

- a. **ICCS Conference Report.**
- b. **Change November meeting date or time.**

11. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:02 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 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 06 2024. The public is welcome.


Cathy Ziglar, Chair


Julie Solinski, Secretary/Treasurer