

1. **Call to Order**
Julie Solinski called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:34 p.m. via Zoom.

Those Members Present: Julie Solinski, Ron Helling and Kathy Wunderlich all via Zoom.

Those Members Absent: Terry Davis, Dan Hockett

Others Present: Director Lee (on site at the Nature Center) and Administrative Assistant Breuer both via Zoom.

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - a. None
3. **Delegations/Public Input:**
 - a. None
4. **Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes from January 08, 2025 and January 2025 Claims:**
 - a. Motion by Kathy Wunderlich, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
5. **Acceptance of Donations:**
 - a. Tim Licko - \$300 for Big Hollow Master Plan.
 - b. Burlington Board of Realtors - \$1,500.
 - c. Allen Grooms - \$20 for EE programming.
 - d. Anthony Furniss - \$500 for Flint River Trail.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Foundation:** No Report.
 - b. **Observatory:** No Report.
 - c. **Legislative:** The session is in full swing. It has been an active week. We are tracking several bills.
 - d. **Water Quality:** No Report.
7. **Project Updates:**

We have renewed the crop lease at Linder. We are working with Anthony Furniss to help us find sponsors for the shooting range and other events. We were approved a 2% increase in our annual budget for the next fiscal year. We are cutting one part-time position and awarding 2% salary increases to hit the numbers.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. **Approve Contract with Hickey Contracting for Starr's Cave ADA Improvements:**
Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the contract.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.


9. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
a. **Winterfest Reports.**

10. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:55 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 March 5, 2025.
The public is welcome.



Julie Solinski, Chair



Dan Hockett, Secretary/Treasurer