

**1. Call to Order**

Julie Solinski called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on the third floor of Starr's Cave Nature Center.

**Those Members Present:** Ron Helling, Julie Solinski, Dan Hockett, Kathy Wunderlich (via Zoom) and Terry Davis.

**Those Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, Tom Brockett

**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 & Committee Assignments for 2026:**

**#1 a.** Motion by Dan Hockett, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the 2026 Officers.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

Chairman - Ron Helling

Vice Chair - Dan Hockett

Secretary / Treasurer - Kathy Wunderlich

Member - Terry Davis

Member - Julie Solinski

**Committee Appointments:**

**b.** The 2026 Committee Appointments:

Foundation - Ron Helling

Observatory - Terry Davis

Legislative - Julie Solinski

Water Quality - Kathy Wunderlich

Shooting Range - Dan Hockett

**6. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**#2 a.** Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Terry Davis to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**7. Acceptance of Donations**

**a.** Allen Grooms - \$20 for EE Programming.

**b.** William & Patricia Dahlsten - \$100 in memory of Jack Dahlsten.

**c.** Linda Blint - \$100 for SCNC Trivia Night.

**d.** Dennis Wilson - \$10,000 for Big Hollow.

**e.** Jon Hart - \$150.

**f.** Standard of Beaverdale - \$300 for EE Sponsorship.

**g.** Terry & Jean Davis - \$300 for Big Hollow.

**h.** Anderson Service Center - \$300 for EE Sponsorship.

**i.** Eastern Iowa Light & Power - \$300 for EE Sponsorship.

8. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Foundation:** Jeff will take over financial reporting for the Foundation. The Banquet is in April.
  - b. **Observatory:** No Report.
  - c. **Legislative:** No Report, however the legislative season starts Monday.
  - d. **Water Quality:** Working on the Federal reporting for 2025 now. Two days of training were recently held with a couple of more coming up.
9. **Project Updates:**

All staff evaluations are done. The DNR inspected the dam at Big Hollow. It passes with a couple of minor maintenance recommendations.
10. **Old Business:**
  - #3 a. **Approve FY 2027 Budget Request:**

Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Terry Davis to approve the FY2027 Budget Request.  
Motion passed 3-1. Yay - Terry Davis, Julie Solinski & Kathy Wunderlich. Nay - Dan Hockett.
  - b. **County Renewable Energy Ordinance Recommendations.**

No new discussion held.
11. **New Business:**
  - #4 a. **Approve Mowing Contract:**

Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Dan Hockett to approve the mowing contract.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
  - #5 b. **Approve Administration Services Agreement with Partners for Conservation Foundation:**

Motion by Dan Hockett, seconded by Terry Davis to approve the agreement.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
  - #6 c. **Approve updated Burlington Model Airplane Club Agreement:**

Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the agreement.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
  - #7 d. **Approve Request by EE Staff to Take County Vehicle out of State:**

Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Dan Hockett to approve taking the van out of state. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
  - #8 e. **Approve Bat Box Agreement with Magnolia LLC:**

Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Kathy Wunderlich to approve the agreement.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
  - #9 f. **Big Hollow Shooting Range SOP 2026:**

Motion by Dan Hockett, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the SOP.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
  - #10 g. **Approve Bylaws for 2026:**

Motion by Terry Davis, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the bylaws.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
  - h. **Director Review:**

The board will meet prior to the next meeting on February 4 to discuss the annual director review.

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**Informational Items/Correspondence:**

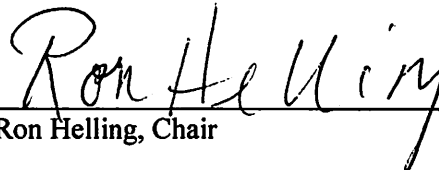
- a. **Budget Hearing:** January 14, 2025 9:00 a.m. - Second floor of the Courthouse.


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**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:40 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 February 4, 2026. There will be a Work Session one hour prior to discuss the Director's annual review.

The public is welcome.

  
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Ron Helling, Chair

  
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Kathy Wunderlich, Secretary/Treasurer