

**There was a work session prior to the regular board meeting to tour the Nature Center grounds and discuss maintenance and budget.**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**Those Members Present:** James Garnjobst, Julie Solinski, Matthew Haas, Cathy Ziglar and Bob Hansen

**Those Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, EE Coordinator Rundell, Ranger Roth

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

**#20 a.** Motion by Matthew Haas, seconded by James Garnjobst to add item 11b - Zion School Grant, Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**3. Delegations/Public Input:**

**a.** None

**4. Approval of Minutes for April 06, 2022:**

**#21 a.** Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Bob Hansen to approve the minutes of the April 06, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**5. Approval of Claims for April 2022:**

**#22 a.** Motion by Matthew Haas, seconded by Bob Hansen to approve the claims for April 2022. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**6. Acceptance of Donations:**

- a.** Kiwanis Club of Burlington - \$5,000 for summer camps.
- b.** Witte Foundation - \$5,000 for Witte Roof Fund.
- c.** Maggie Nelson - Seven bird books, \$200.
- d.** Xvision Graphics - Night vision binoculars for night camps.
- e.** Community Foundation of Des Moines County - \$1,000 for Earth Day.

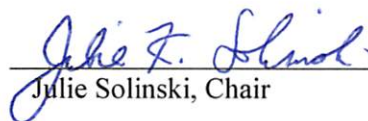
**7. Committee Reports:**

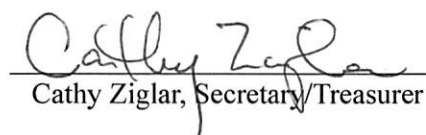
- a. Shooting Range:** Held a meeting, supported the increase in range fees.
- b. Observatory:** Had a night scheduled this week, but had to cancel due to weather. Moving the meetings to the library has helped. They have done well at raising the funds needed for the new roof.
- c. Legislative:** They were still in session as of Monday.
- d. Water Quality:** The EPA has approved the watershed plan. This will open us up to 319 funding that opens in June or July for 2023.

**8. Project Updates:**

Water drainage has been an issue in West Burlington. The City park that drains the East side of town drains to Issac Walton Lake is backing up. The most likely issue is the BNSF culvert. We were not awarded the Wellmark grant. We did receive the LWCF grant. The new NRM graduates a week from Saturday and starts 5/16/22 along with one seasonal.

9. **Old Business:**  
a. **None.**
10. **New Business:**  
a. **Park Ranger Oath of Office:**  
Ryan Roth read his oath of office.
- #23 b. **Law Enforcement Policy:**  
Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Bob Hansen to approve the policy.  
Motion passed unanimously by those board members present.
- c. **Discussion Shop / Admin Office Design:**  
Chris presented the board with an initial design and was given the go-ahead to get cost estimates but not to contract with an engineer at this point.
11. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**  
a. **ISAC Conference Report.**  
b. **Zion School Grant.**
12. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 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 Wednesday June 01, 2022.  
The public is welcome.

  
Julie Solinski, Chair

  
Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer