

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~~

Main office

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

Those Members Absent: Bob Hansen

Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer

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

a. None.

3. **Delegations/Public Input:**

a. None.

4. **Approval of Minutes for June 01, 2022:**

#29 a. Motion by Matthew Haas, seconded by James Garnjobst to approve the minutes of the June 01, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

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

#30 a. Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for June 2022. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. **Acceptance of Donations:**

a. Good Sam Organic Garden Club - \$600 worth of plantings for Starr's Cave pollinator patch.

7. **Committee Reports:**

a. **Shooting Range:** No Report.

b. **Observatory:** Held a meeting. Visitation is strong, but they had to cancel tonights viewing.

c. **Legislative:** No Report.

d. **Water Quality:** No meeting today. Chris met with the DNR last week at Big Hollow for a tour.

e. **Big Holloween:** Matt talked to Collette today, there will be a volunteer meeting in July. It sounds like all previous volunteers will be back. Burlington Glass is donating the live radio remote.

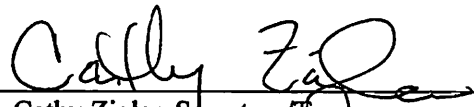
8. **Project Updates:**

There are new CDL requirements. You are now required to take six weeks of class at a cost of thousands of dollars. We were approved for an AmeriCorps Naturalist. They changed the funding mechanism, allowing us to recruit first, then pay once we hire. On the fundraising front, we have been committed to an anonymous \$250,000 donation to Big Hollow. We will also receive \$25,000 from the Murray Foundation for Big Hollow. Chris has several meetings set up over the next couple of weeks.

9. **Old Business:**
- #31 a. **Formal Approval of WRAC Grant for Big Hollow Boat Ramp:**
Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the agreement.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- b. **Hickory Bend Land Acquisition:**
The new owners of the land adjacent to Hickory Bend was offered to us once again. We will be submitting a REAP grant to purchase it.
- c. **Starr's Cave Residence:**
The DNR has given us permission to vacate the residence. We will fill in the cistern and maintain the residence until after we see if we are awarded an AmeriCorps team this fall.
10. **New Buisness:**
- #32 a. **Part-time Help at Starr's Cave:**
Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Matthew Haas to approve hiring an "as needed" person.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
11. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. **Budget.**
- b. **Volunteer Dinner and Summer Celebration Events**
12. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.**
Next meeting will be held at the Big Hollow Shop. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday August 04, 2022. The public is welcome.



Julie Solinski, Chair



Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer