

**1. Call to Order**

Matthew Haas called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

**Those Members Present:** Cathy Ziglar, James Garnjobst, Julie Solinski, Matthew Haas vis Zoom.

**Those Members Absent:** Ron Helling

**Others Present:** Director Lee.

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

- a. None

**3. Delegations/Public Input:**

**4. Approval of Minutes for August 02, 2023:**

- #33** a. Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the minutes of the August 02, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**5. Approval of Claims for August 2023:**

- #34** a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the claims for August 2023. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

**6. Acceptance of Donations:**

- a. Dean, Angie & Luke Walljasper - \$2,500 used fire escape for water access at Welter.
- b. Optimist of Burlington / West Burlington - \$262 for Friends of Des Moines County Conservation.
- c. Walmart Corp. - \$1,000 for Starr's Cave.
- d. United States Gypsum - \$5,000 for Big Hollow Master Plan.
- e. Story County Pheasants Forever - \$750 for Shanstrom property.
- f. Black Hawk County Pheasants Forever - \$1,000 for Shanstrom property.
- g. Boone County Pheasants Forever - \$500 for Shanstrom property.
- h. Warren County Pheasants Forever - \$1,000 for Shanstrom property.
- i. Henry County Pheasants Forever - \$2,500 for Shanstrom property.
- j. MTC Technologies - \$2,500 for Big Holloween.

**7. Committee Reports:**

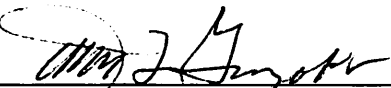
- a. **Foundation:** Still looking for a date to hold a meeting.
- b. **Observatory:** No Report.
- c. **Legislative:** No Report.
- d. **Big Holloween:** The volunteers held a make up meeting to discuss the upcoming event.
- e. **Water Quality:** No Report.

**8. Project Updates:** Park Ranger will be taking military leave from October 28 to March 29.

Chris ran some numbers to turn the Ranger house into a cabin. Chris is working with the bat mitigation company to see that if we do get the easement on the Alliant property if we can make it public use. We are still waiting to hear back from the railroad in the culvert issue at Issac Walton lake. Chris is going to have a meeting with Tom about the admin office move to the Nature Center.

9. **Old Business:**
- #35 a. **Liquidate Used Dump Truck:**  
Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to liquidate the used dump truck.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
10. **New Business:**
- #36 a. **Approve Wildlife Stamp Fund Agreement with DNR for Shanstrom Property Addition:**  
Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the agreement.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- b. **Establish a Subcommittee to Review Salaries and Make Recommend to the Board for Changes:**  
Julie Solinski and James Garnjobst will serve on the subcommittee.
- #37 c. **Request to Hire Part-time / Temporary Staff to fill in Current Vacancies:**  
Motion by James Garnjobst, seconded by Julie Solinski to fill the current vacancies.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #38 d. **Authorize up to \$15,000 to be used to Renovate the Ranger House into a Rental Cabin:**  
Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Julie Solinski to to renovate the house and turn it into a cabin.  
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
11. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. **Future work sessions.**
- b. **ISAC Conference report.**
12. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:49 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 October 04, 2023.  
The public is welcome.

  
Matthew Haas, Chair

  
James Garnjobst, Secretary/Treasurer