

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 and Ron Helling.

Those Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Director Lee, Admin Asst. Breuer, BoS McCampbell via Zoom.

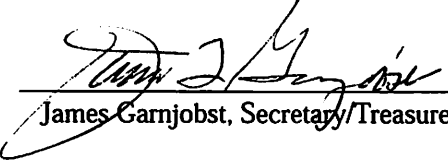
2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - a. None
3. **Delegations/Public Input:**
4. **Approval of Minutes for September 05, 2023:**
 - #39 a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the minutes of the September 05, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
5. **Approval of Claims for September 2023:**
 - #40 a. Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for September 2023. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
6. **Acceptance of Donations:**
 - a. Delta Dental of Iowa - \$5,011 for new water fountain for Starr's Cave Nature Center.
 - b. John Farrell - Ballistic steel silhouette for Big Hollow shooting range.
 - c. Warren County Pheasants Forever - \$1,000 for Shanstrom property.
 - e. Henry County Pheasants Forever - \$2,500 for Shanstrom property.
 - f. Northern Polk County Pheasants Forever - \$1,000 for Shanstrom property.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Foundation:** Still looking for a date to hold a meeting.
 - b. **Observatory:** The Observatory will be open for the partial eclipse on October 14.
 - c. **Legislative:** There is a REAP assembly at Starr's Cave Nature Center on October 19. Cathy Ziglar has been appointed to the State Conservation Board.
 - d. **Big Halloween:** The volunteers held a meeting to discuss the upcoming event.
 - e. **Water Quality:** Water quality testing has resumed.
8. **Project Updates:** Both Cade and Derek have been promoted to full time. Tanner Grimm is attending a supervisor certification program. Big Halloween will be held October 14. Midwest Reality held a work day at the old ranger house.
9. **Old Business:**
 - a. None
10. **New Business:**
 - a. **Discuss IAAP Project Implications:**
Discussed the upcoming construction and how the influx of workers will impact our campgrounds.

- 11. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
 - a. **ICCS Fall Conference report.**
 - b. **Upcoming timber harvest at Big Hollow.**

12. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:44 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 November 01, 2023.
The public is welcome.



Matthew Haas, Chair



James Garnjobst, Secretary/Treasurer