

- 1. Call to Order**
Cathy Ziglar called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

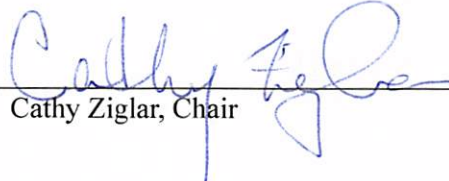
Those Members Present: Cathy Ziglar, Ron Helling, Julie Solinski, Dan Hockett

Those Members Absent: James Garnjobst

Others Present: Director Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer, Supervisor McCampbell via Zoom, one member of the public.

- 2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**
 - a. None
- 3. Delegations/Public Input:**
 - a. None
- 4. Board Member Agreement & Oath of Office:**
 - a. Dan Hockett read the Oath of Office for the record and signed the Board Member Agreement.
- 5. Election of Officers:**
 - a. The 2024 Officers were approved:
Chairman - Cathy Ziglar
Vice Chair - James Garnjobst
Secretary / Treasurer - Julie Solinski
Member - Ron Helling
Member - Dan Hockett
- 6. Committee Appointments:**
 - a. The 2024 Committee Appointments:
Foundation - James Garnjobst
Observatory - Ron Helling
Legislative - Cathy Ziglar
Water Quality - Julie Solinski
Shooting Range - Dan Hockett
- 7. Approval of Consent Agenda:**
 - #1 a. Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Dan Hockett to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- 8. Acceptance of Donations**
 - a. Iowa State Council of Pheasants Forever - \$12,000 for Shanstom addition to Hickory Bend.
 - b. National Wild Turkey Federation - \$5,000 for Shanstom addition to Hickory Bend.
 - c. Harry & Virginia Murray Foundation - \$5,000 for Big Hollow Master Plan.
 - d. Anthony Furniss - \$300 for Flint River Trail.
 - e. Optimist Club of Burlington / West Burlington - \$132 for Friends of Des Moines County Conservation.

9. **Committee Reports:**
- a. **Foundation:** Banquet will be held April 4 at Barn on the Ridge.
 - b. **Observatory:** Held a meeting, they asked about WiFi at the observatory.
 - c. **Legislative:** No Report, however the legislative season starts soon.
 - d. **Water Quality:** It appears the website needs updated. We are still not receiving testing results.
10. **Project Updates:**
We are currently trapping beavers at Big Hollow. Marcus gave a presentation during Kids Day for the Kiwanis Club. Work is continuing on the Ranger house / new cabin and it should be ready soon. We will have a public open house once it is finished. We are checking on insurance now, and have added overhead lights to the bedrooms. It has also been inspected by a house inspector.
11. **Old Business:**
- #2 a. **Big Hollow Timber Sale Bid Process:**
Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the bid process.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
12. **New Business:**
- #3 a. **Approve Bylaws for 2024:**
Motion by Ron Helling, seconded by Julie Solinski to approve the bylaws.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #4 b. **Strategic Plan Review:**
Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the strategic plan.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- #5 c. **Big Hollow Shooting Range SOP Review:**
Motion by Julie Solinski, seconded by Ron Helling to approve the SOP.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- e. **Director Review:**
The board will meet prior to the next meeting on February 7 to discuss the annual director review.
13. **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
14. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:28 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 February 7, 2024.
The public is welcome.


Cathy Ziglar, Chair

Julie Solinski, Secretary/Treasurer