



MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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August 18, 2025
Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025 at the Environmental Learning Center. Chairperson Julie Jindrich called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Julie Jindrich, Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright and Jeff Snyder.

Members absent: Karen Hartman

Also present: Katie Hammond, Lori Dietrich, Scott Sauer, Eric Furnas

Meeting Minutes

Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025, meeting. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Sherry Seright, Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation – None.

Special Events Applications – None.

Update on Projects- Projects will be updated during the next discussions on the agenda.

Discussion and action on two camping refund requests due to high water closure of the Saulsbury Campground.

The Director gave information on two requests for refunds from camping reservations.

Laura Shellady -\$75.00 refund for reservation cancellation within 15-day period to cancel, and

Thomas Herron - \$25.00 refund for campground closed due to flooding.

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve both refunds. Mike Schulte seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Sherry Seright and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and action on the Deep Lakes Park Campground Project, Change Order #05

Katie Hammond asked the Board for approval on Change Order #05 for well upgrades in the amount of \$7,080.90. Mike Schulte made a motion to approve the #05 Change Order on the Campground Project in the amount of \$7,080.90. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Sherry Seright and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and possible action on revising a portion of Section 8. Camping: letter D. Reservations and letter L. Check-out time, in the Rules & Regulations for the Muscatine County Conservation

Board Areas. Other rules and regulations might also be discussed and action taken as well. Discussion and direction by the Board was made to re-write letters D., I, and L. in Section 8. Camping and ask for approval of the wording at a future Board meeting.

Discussion and possible action on acquiring the Russell Tract of property that is adjacent to Pike Run Wildlife Area (a 34-Acre reconstructed prairie, with parcel #0709300008 on MAGIC.)
The Board discussed the possible acquisition of the Russell Tract and what it would entail. Mike Schulte made a motion to authorize the submittal of the grant application subject to further review and understanding of specific details regarding transfer of the property and recipient obligations under the grant provisions. County Attorney Jim Barry to review and approve. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Sherry Seright and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

The Director gave the Environmental Education report. 464 kids & 275 adults, for a total of 739 people were served during 36 programs since the last meeting.

The Director gave the Operations report. At Saulsbury, preparation for flooding, cleanup from flooding and campground reopening was done. In Discovery Park, staff installed the new drinking fountain by the playground bathrooms. Treatment for Brittle Nyad was done on the front pond, and an area of Teasel was also treated. Planning and clearing of trees were done for new construction of an additional Raptor mews. Cleanup of a fallen tree was done at Nye Cemetery. At Deep Lakes Park, picnic tables for the new campground were assembled and some erosion from heavy rains was corrected.

Other Items from the Director

The Director informed the Board that the amplifier for the Midwest Fire alarm system will need to be replaced. A request has been made to have a color run (with colored chalk) for the Alzheimer Walk that will be on October 4th. The Director will be going to the Spring ISAC in Des Moines, August 20-22. August 25, the Director will be giving a Rotary presentation. September 9-12 will be attending the MRCP Conference in Baton Rouge and the ICCS Conference, on September 16-18 at Lake Okoboji. Board members and staff are welcome to attend the ICCS Conference also.

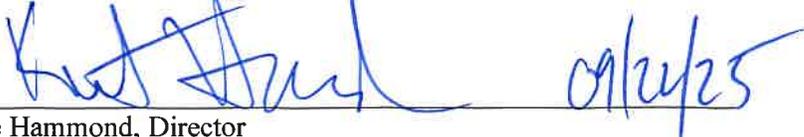
Items from the Board – Board members requested that the link for the Board member training be sent out again. A suggestion to check into a firewood supplier for the new campground was made. Julie Jindrich mentioned the Triathlon and stated that it was a well-attended, great event.

Claims

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve all claims in the of \$31,746.45. Mike Schulte seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Sherry Seright and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment

Chairperson, Julie Jindrich adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.


Katie Hammond, Director
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