



MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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September 22, 2025
Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025 at the Environmental Learning Center. The original meeting scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025, was rescheduled for lack of quorum. Vice-Chairperson, Mike Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Members present: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman, and Jeff Snyder.

Members absent: Julie Jindrich

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

Meeting Minutes

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025, meeting. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation – None.

Special Events Applications – One application for a Special Events Permit for a Wedding at Saulsbury Lodge, under the name of Roberts on September 25-27, 2026, was discussed.

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve Robert's Wedding permit. Karen Hartman seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Update on Projects- Katie Hammond reported that we have received a waiver from County Attorney, Jim Barry, for the group to sign that will be installing the Disc Golf course at Deep Lakes Park. The Board suggested having an agreement drawn up with the County Attorney's assistance that would give the Conservation Board ownership of the Disc Golf course, and the final say on Disc Golf basket locations. Also, if future plans change, the Board will have the right to remove the course. The Director also reported that the new Raptor Mew, funded by the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust grant, is currently being constructed by staff. The cost opinion received from Mike Nolan for the Maintenance building renovation at Deep Lakes Park was given and discussed by the board.

Discussion and action on Muscatine County Conservation Board FY25 Annual Report

The decision to approve the Annual Report was tabled until the next meeting to allow for some Board members to review.

Discussion and possible action on revising the Rules & Regulations for the Muscatine County Conservation Board Areas.8.

Katie Hammond gave possible updates on D. RESERVATIONS, I. REGISTERING and L. CHECK-OUT TIME in the *Rules & Regulations for the Muscatine County Conservation Board Areas.8*. Karen Hartman made a motion to accept the proposed revised segments, D., I. & L. in the *Rules & Regulations for the Muscatine County Conservation Board Areas. 8*.

Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and action on the Deep Lakes Park Campground Project. Change Order #06- to add a sidewalk on the back side of the shower house.

Katie Hammond asked the Board for approval on Change Order #06 for a sidewalk on the back side of the shower house in the amount of \$1,696.95. A motion was made by Jeff Snyder to approve Change Order #06 in the amount of \$1,696.95. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Review bids and possible action on replacing a compressor for a heat pump in the Environmental Learning Center.

Katie Hammond presented three bids for a heat pump replacement, which was originally thought to need just a compressor for the heat pump. It was then found that the entire heat pump would need to be replaced as the compressors are no longer made for the heat pump that is needed. The Geothermal system in the Environmental Learning Center has a total of 12 heat pumps that are 20 years old, and one heat pump has already been replaced.

The Board gave directions to replace the heat pumps as needed in the future without approval from the Board.

The Director gave the Environmental Education report. 223 kids & 343 adults, for a total of 566 people were served during 27 programs since the last meeting.

The Director gave the Operations report. At Saulsbury, siding was replaced on the house. Staff repaired boundary fence that had been taken down by neighboring cattle. At Jack Shuger Park, a road wash out was repaired, an old cement pad and grill were removed and gutter and downspouts were placed on the restroom building. At Richardson Wildlife Area, staff treated Black Locust. Staff started building the new Raptor Mew in Discovery Park.

Other Items from the Director

Katie Hammond stated that the conferences she attended in August and September provided good information. Katie also gave an update on the Deep Lakes Park Campground project. There are some delays on the project for electrical issues that will need to be remedied, which will most likely push back the chance for a soft opening this year.

Items from the Board – None.

Claims

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve all claims in the of \$12,117.57. Karen Hartman seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson, Mike Schulte adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

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Katie Hammond, Director – Muscatine County Conservation