



# MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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March 16, 2026  
Regular Meeting

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at the Environmental Learning Center. Chairperson Mike Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Members present: Mike Schulte, Jeff Snyder, Sherry Seright.

Members absent: Julie Jindrich and Karen Hartman.

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

### Meeting Minutes

Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve the February 16, 2026, meeting minutes, and March 2, 2026, special meeting minutes. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Jeff Snyder, Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation - None.

### Discussion and action to approve a bid for installing a septic system at Deep Lakes Park for the new maintenance shop.

The Board discussed three bids received for installing a septic system at Deep Lakes Park for the new maintenance shop. Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve the low bid of \$10,900.00 from Curry's. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

### Discussion and action to approve a bid for installing a well at Deep Lakes Park for the new maintenance shop.

The Board discussed two bids received for installing a well at Deep Lakes Park for the new maintenance shop. Sherry Seright made a motion to approve the low bid of \$16,326.21 from Brockhouse/Gingerich. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and action to approve a bid for septic hauling at Deep Lakes Park for the new campground.

The Board discussed three bids received for septic hauling at the Deep Lakes Park Campground. Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve the low bid submitted by Triple B Construction with a price of \$600 per 4,000 gallons of pumping which equals \$.15/gal. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and action to approve a bid for a firewood vendor for the Deep Lakes Park Campground.

The Board discussed the only bid received from three requested firewood suppliers. Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve the bid from Fine Wood Firewood. Firewood will sell for \$8.00 a bundle with 10% of gross revenue being paid to MCCB monthly. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Special Events Permit Applications

Two Special Event Permit applications were discussed by the Board. Mann Wedding at Discovery Park #1 Shelter on June 21, 2026. Sherry Seright made a motion to approve the Mann Wedding Permit on June 21, 2026. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Muscatine Triathlon at Deep Lakes Park, July 30 – August 2, 2026. Sherry Seright made a motion to approve the use of Deep Lakes Park for the Muscatine Triathlon, July 30 – August 2, 2026, that includes closing the affected parts of the park (beach, beach parking lot, and boat landing) on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, August 1. If the Triathlon is planning to have beer and wine, that will need to be presented to the Board for approval with more details. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Update on Projects

The Director stated that one of the concrete walls at the Deep Lakes Park Maintenance Shop has been removed. Removal of the other two walls is contingent on other budget items that have not been received yet for total costs of the Maintenance Shop project. IT quote of \$2,624.91 regarding internet for switch, antenna, access point, and a 5-year subscription has been approved.

At Deep Lakes Park Campground, 21 trees will be purchased and planted with funds from the Muscatine County Conservation Foundation. Watering buckets, fencing and posts will be included. County Engineer & Secondary Roads Department has given a quote of \$1,022.09 to install 7 signs at Deep Lakes Park Campground. So far there have been 38 overnight reservations made for the new campground totally \$1,520.

Environmental Education report.

There were 1055 kids & 158 adults who attended EE programs, for a total of 1,213 people served during 64 programs since the last Board meeting.

Operations Report

The Director gave the operations report. Staff have been pruning trees in all parks and areas. At Saulsbury trees were cut down and a platform for mounting horses was installed in the equestrian parking area. At Deep Lakes Park, stones were moved to the campground to protect the water risers, brush was

cut and removed for the disc golf area, and an information kiosk was installed in the campground. Staff have completed their chemical applicator's continuing education class. A joint meeting with the MCCB Park Rangers and DNR was held to encourage open communication and share updates on regulations, laws, and other park patrol related issues.

Other items from the Director - None.

Items from the Board – None.

Claims

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve all claims in the amount of \$ 9,250.18. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment

Chairperson, Mike Schulte adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

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Katie Hammond, Director – Muscatine County Conservation