



MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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April 13, 2026
Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Environmental Learning Center. Chairperson Mike Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Members absent: Karen Hartman

Also present: Katie Hammond, Eric Furnas, Scott Sauer, Chris Jasper, Adam Raisbeck and Shelly Meyer.

Meeting Minutes

Julie Jindrich made a motion to approve both the March 16th and March 20th, 2026, meeting minutes, Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Julie Jindrich, Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation – None.

Muscatine Triathlon discussion with Adam Raisbeck

Adam Raisbeck presented the Board with the plans for the Muscatine Triathlon to be held at Deep Lakes Park on August 1st, 2026, and a request for permission to serve alcohol, including beer, wine and seltzers at the Triathlon. Serving times would be from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. on Saturday, August 1, 2026. New this year will be two Splash and Dash races for kids. Kids 5-10 will have a 50-yard swim, then half-mile run. Kids aged 10-15 will swim 75 yards and run 2 miles. The after party will be held at Deep Lakes Park, after the kids' races.

Discussion and decision on Special Events applications

Two Special Event Permit applications were discussed by the Board. The first was to finalize approval of the Muscatine Triathlon at Deep Lakes Park including allowing beer, wine, and seltzers. The request includes using the park from Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 2. The request included closing the Main Access off Pettibone on July 31 and August 2, including the boat landing and beach area of Lake Chester, for set-up. Sherry Seright made a motion to approve the Muscatine Triathlon Permit application with alcohol, including beer, wine and seltzers. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Julie Jindrich, Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none. This event must still be approved by the Muscatine Board of Supervisors due to the large impact it has on the community including the closure of roads around Deep Lakes Park.

The Friends of the Old Barn also submitted a Special Events Permit, with multiple dates. May 16, 2026,

Spring at the Barn, June 20, 2026, The Centennial Celebration, and Open House dates of July 18, August 15, September 19 and October 17, 2026. Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve all dates for the Friends of the Old Barn Permit, Julie Jindrich seconded. Voting aye: Julie Jindrich, Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and action on Change Order #002 for the Deep Lakes Maintenance Building in the amount of \$5,580.00 for a floor drain and catch basin

Eric Furnas presented the proposed plan for a floor drain and catch basin. Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve Change Order #002 in the amount of \$5,580.00 for a 4' x 2' floor drain and catch basin. Julie Jindrich seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Jeff Snyder and Sherry Seright. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and action on Change Order #003 for the Deep Lakes Maintenance Building for water sealing and crack filling in the amount of \$10,786.00

Eric Furnas presented the proposed plan for water sealing and crack filling at the Deep Lakes Maintenance Building. Sherry Seright made a motion to approve Change Order #003 as presented to include \$10,786.00 for water sealing and crack filling plus the option to include a few more cracks as needed at the rate of \$500/10LF. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Jeff Snyder and Sherry Seright. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and action on a turtle sticker wrap for the 15-passenger van

Katie Hammond presented the proposed plan to wrap the 15-passenger van, with the design done by Amy Bakke, for 16 hrs. @ \$50.00, for a total of \$800.00. The stickers and application would be a total of \$2,423.69, for a grand total of \$3,223.69. Jindrich made a motion to approve the plan to wrap the 15-passenger van for a total of \$3,223.69. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Jeff Snyder and Sherry Seright. Voting nay: none.

Update on projects

Katie Hammond gave updates on projects. At Deep Lakes Campground, a twin water softener system was installed for \$3,200.00. Dust control by Blue Flame will be done at \$.735 X 800 ft.= \$588.00, for a total of \$1,176.00 for 2 applications over the season. The cellular alarm for the septic pit is being activated. Signs are up, a dumpster was delivered today, firewood is coming soon from the vendor, the water is on and a test has been turned in. At the Deep Lake Maintenance shop, walls have been cut and removed, a well was installed, septic system was installed, waiting on decision for floor drain and waterproofing.

Environmental Education report

Katie Hammond gave the Environmental Education report. A Community Impact Reward was received for the amazing work that Michelle Berns and Luke Hart have been doing for the SPARK program. Hammond and Berns received the award at the United Way Award luncheon. 905 kids, and 192 adults for a total of 1097 people were served during 48 programs since the last meeting. Earth Day cleanup at Deep Lakes Park is April 18th at 9:00AM and a tree giveaway will be at Shelter #1 in Discovery Park on April 25, at 8:00 AM.

Operations report

Katie Hammond gave the operations report. Staff bladed and cleared snow from the last snowfall. At Deep Lakes Campground, fire rings, picnic tables, a money box and signs were installed. The water and water softener were tested. In Discovery Park, Posts were set for Raptor Mew fencing. Prescribed fires were done at Discovery Park, Cedar Bluffs, Richardson, Saulsbury & Pike Run. At Jack Shuger Park, trees and brush were cleaned up and the boat ramp area was cleaned. Downed trees at Saulsbury were cleaned off the trail. Deep Lakes Park Campground will be ready to open April 15, 2026.

Other items from the Director - None.

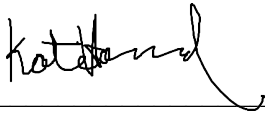
Items from the Board – None.

Claims

Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve all claims in the amount of \$27,648.07. Julie Jindrich seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Jeff Snyder & Sherry Seright. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment

Chairperson, Mike Schulte adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hammond", written over a horizontal line.

Katie Hammond, Director – Muscatine County Conservation