



MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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May 18, 2026
Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Environmental Learning Center. Chairperson Mike Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

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

Members absent: Karen Hartman & Sherry Seright

Also present: Katie Hammond and Scott Sauer

Meeting Minutes

Julie Jindrich made a motion to approve April 13, 2026, meeting minutes, Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Julie Jindrich, Mike Schulte, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation – None.

Discussion and decision on Special Events applications - 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.

Update on projects

Katie Hammond gave updates on projects. Both the Deep Lakes Campground and Saulsbury Main Campgrounds are all booked up for Memorial Day Weekend. Hammond reported that she had inadvertently made an error when ordering the campground envelopes for Deep Lakes. While using the Saulsbury envelopes as a template, the envelopes had listed that Wednesdays were free although at a previous meeting the Board had agreed that there would not be any promotions or specials at the new campground. Although no action was taken, the Board provided Hammond directions to allow the free Wednesdays at both Campgrounds.

At the Deep Lake Maintenance shop the floor drain was cut, water lines ran, and underground plumbing installed. Next steps will be to seal cracks, take off the metal, waterproof painting, and replace the metal roof and sides.

Environmental Education report

Katie Hammond gave the Environmental Education report. 1,894 kids, and 573 adults for a total of 2,467 people served during 137 programs since the last meeting. School field trips are in full swing, Summer nature camps being prepped, and plans underway for the MOTUS station at Discovery Park and Osprey towers at Deep Lakes Park. Upcoming public programs include twilight paddles at Deep Lakes Park, a Fishing Clinic & Derby, Big Sand Mound Field Day, and live animal programs in the campgrounds.

Operations report

Katie Hammond gave the operations report. Prescribed fires were conducted at Pike Run, Cedar Bluffs, Richardson's Wildlife Area, and Saulsbury. Final preparations we made at the Deep Lakes Campground prior to opening on April 15 including planting trees and installing fire rings and picnic tables. For Muskie Day of Caring a group weeded 3 flower beds and mulched trees at Discovery Park and mulched all the new trees in the campground at Deep Lakes Park. For the Wilton Day of Caring, students mulched trees in the campground at Saulsbury, cleaned picnic tables and shelters, picked up trash, and prepped the playground.

Other items from the Director

Hammond shared an email from a gentleman inquiring about providing a place for year-round dog training. No action was taken. Hammond was happy to report that Conservation would exceed their projected revenue for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 and shared supporting data. Visitors are getting used to the online reservation process as well as booking campsites, cabins, and shelters. Hammond informed the Board that recently, an adjacent neighbor expressed interest in their land becoming a part of the park. No action was taken.

Items from the Board – None.

Claims

Julie Jindrich made a motion to approve all claims in the amount of \$39,151.46. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, & Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment

Chairperson, Mike Schulte adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.