



MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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September 21, 2026
Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at the Environmental Learning Center. Chairperson Mike Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Members absent: Julie Jindrich

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

Meeting Minutes.

Karen Hartman made a motion to approve August 17, 2026, meeting minutes, Jeff Snyder seconded.

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

Public Participation. – None.

Discussion and possible action to approve FY26 Annual Report.

Jeff Snyder stated a correction should be made on the Annual Report. The start date for Jeff as a Board Member should be July of 2025. Karen Hartman made a motion to approve the FY26 Annual Report with the above correction completed. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Karen Hartman, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and possible action on agreement with Friends of the Old Barn.

Karen Hartman made a motion to approve the agreement with Friends of the Old Barn.

Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Karen Hartman, Sherry Seright, and Jeff Snyder.

Voting nay: none.

Discussion and decision on Special Events applications. None.

Update on Projects.

Katie Hammond gave project updates. Work is progressing at the Deep Lakes Park maintenance shop with sub-contractors working on several things including insulation and installing the heater. Waiting on parts to arrive for the septic system that was affected by the lightning strike at the cabins. Signs for the Deep Lakes Park Disc Golf Course just got printed, next step is to get more posts and install them. Photos of the Osprey Nest platforms and the MOTUS Tower installations were shown to the Board and noted that REC donated the telephone poles and MPW did the installation of the poles for both projects. Also, a photo of the poem by Mike Fladlien that was installed on the sidewalk by the pond at Discovery Park was shown to the Board.

Environmental Education Report.

Katie Hammond gave the Environmental Education report as prepared by Michelle Berns. 250 kids, 445 adults for a total of 695 people served during 28 programs since the last board meeting.

Operations report

Katie Hammond gave the operations report as prepared by Kent Kaufman. Staff built and attached the Osprey Nest structures to telephone poles as well as assisted with the installation of the MOTUS and Osprey Nest poles. Repairs were done on the golf cart and mower. At Saulsbury the hunting boundaries were mowed as well as mowing the marsh for Environmental Education programs. Signs were installed and other general maintenance.

Other items from the Director

Katie Hammond presented the Board with requested rental information and facility usage reports. The Board suggested finding a way to promote campground usage. Possibly special deals for reservations to camp during the middle of the week, as the weekends are usually busier.

Items from the Board – None.

Claims

Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve all claims in the amount of \$133,604.95. Karen Hartman seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman, and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment

Chairperson, Mike Schulte adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Katie Hammond, Director – Muscatine County Conservation