



MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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January 20, 2025
Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025 at the Environmental Learning Center. Chairperson, Sherry Seright called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M.

Members present: Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman, Dakoatah Jacobs, Mike Schulte.

Members absent: Julie Jindrich

Also present: Katie Hammond, Lori Dietrich, Scott Sauer, James Woepking & Emily Naylor.

Meeting Minutes

Karen Hartman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 meeting as well as the January 8, 2025 Special meeting. Mike Schulte seconded the motion. Voting aye: Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman, Dakoatah Jacobs and Mike Schulte. Voting nay: none.

Election of Conservation Board officers

Mike Schulte made a motion to elect Julie Jindrich as Chairperson and Mike Schulte as Vice-Chairperson for the 2025 year. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman, Dakoatah Jacobs and Mike Schulte. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation

New Board member Dakoatah Jacobs introduced himself. Dakoatah is from Stockton, Iowa, works at Terracon, is an Air Force Veteran and is excited to be chosen as a Board member.

Special Events Applications

Application for Special Event – Alzheimer’s Walk, Saturday, October 4, 2025 in Discovery Park. The event will utilize the park from 6:00A.M. to 2:00P.M. They will be using #1 Large Shelter on October 4th and the classroom on Thursday and Friday, October 2 & 3rd to prepare for the event and for storage of items that will be needed. Approximately 2-300 people are expected. An administration fee, shelter rental fee, classroom rental fee, deposit, and staff fee have been charged and all paid for. Karen Hartman made a motion to approve the application for the Alzheimer’s Walk on October 4, 2025. Sherry Seright seconded. Voting aye: Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman, Dakoatah Jacobs and Mike Schulte. Voting nay: none.

The Director gave project updates. At Deep Lakes Park, the well site inspection and a pre-construction meeting with contractors for the campground project were held Friday, January 17. Triple B Construction should be turning in the signed contract and insurance bond for the project this week and hopefully getting started on the clearing and grubbing at the site. In Discovery Park at the Environmental Learning Center, the work on the turtle/snake enclosures should be starting January 27, and the life support upgrade work should be taking place starting on February 3.

James Woepking brought more details about a proposed Disc Golf Course at Deep Lakes Park. Approximately \$20,000 would be needed for the 21-hole course that would include 30 concrete pads, 5 benches and 5 trash cans. A donation of concrete that would be needed has been secured from the Disc Golf Club. The Board suggested that the club raise half of the funds needed for the project, by way of donations and possibly sponsorships for the course. No action was taken.

The Board discussed options for use of funds available for the campground project. No action was taken. Emily Naylor will get more defined, quotes to do the other 6 sites on the 1st phase and to pave the campsites on the 1st phase of the project. Emily did request to have Board approval of the additional items by the next Board meeting, on February 17th.

The Director gave the Environmental Education report as provided by Naturalist, Michelle Berns, 668 kids & 176 adults, for a total of 844 people were served during 46 programs last month.

The Director gave the Operations Report written by Kent Kauffman. At Nye cemetery, staff removed a green Ash tree. Staff worked on lighting and electrical, changed filters in the HVAC system and installed a Solar light for the flag at the Environmental Learning Center. At Saulsbury, staff removed Maple and Ash hazard trees in the campground. Snow removal was done in all areas.

Other Items from the Director

Katie Hammond informed the Board that Trevor, Michelle, Luke and herself would all be going to the Winterfest conference in Coralville next week.

Items from the Board

None.

Claims

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve all claims in the amount of \$6,150.48. Karen Hartman seconded. Voting aye: Sherry Seright, Karen Hartman, Dakoatah Jacobs and Mike Schulte. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment

Mike Schulte adjourned the meeting a 7:30 P.M.

Katie Hammond, Director
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