



# MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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May 19, 2025  
Regular Meeting

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025 at the Environmental Learning Center. Chairperson, Julie Jindrich called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Board Members present: Julie Jindrich, Mike Schulte, and Karen Hartman

Board Members absent: Sherry Seright and Dakoatah Jacobs.

Also present: Katie Hammond, Lori Dietrich, and Scott Sauer

### Meeting Minutes

Mike Schulte made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2025 meeting. Karen Hartman seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Karen Hartman. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation – None.

### Special Events Applications

An application was presented and discussed by the Board for the Conesville Fire Department Fishing Tournament – June 14, 2025. The fishing tournament would be using the McKeown Bridge River access. The DNR has already approved this event on their end. Mike Schulte made a motion to approve the Conesville Fire Department Fishing Tournament, Special Event Permit. Karen Hartman seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Karen Hartman. Voting nay: none.

Katie also informed the Board that the County Attorney had implemented a county wide Special Events Permit for use with future large events, and the County Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance and permit at their last Supervisor meeting. Regular Special Events permit applications for other events within the Conservation areas will stay the same.

Discussion was held at the Supervisor's meeting between the County Attorney and Board of Supervisors that Muscatine County should not be allowing any Scuba Diving training or Scuba Diving clean ups in the Deep Lakes Park by anyone other than the Muscatine Search and Rescue Unit for training. The Board of Supervisors suggested that the Muscatine County Conservation

Board should rescind any Special Events Permits that were granted to Scuba Diving organizations. Mike Schulte made a motion to rescind the Scuba Adventures and Diver's Special Event Permits that were approved at the April 17, 2025 MCCB meeting. Karen seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Karen Hartman. Voting nay: none.

Update on Projects- Projects will be updated during the next discussions on the agenda.

Open Bids and take action on purchasing a new Patrol Truck for Kristin Neeld.

The Director gave information on bids from the State bid packet and Ed Morse Chevrolet for a 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500 truck. Wiele Chevrolet declined to submit a bid. Mike Schulte made a motion to accept the low bid of \$32,750.00 after trade-in of \$17,500.00 on the 2017 Chevy Silverado truck. Karen Hartman seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Karen Hartman. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and action on the Deep Lakes Park Campground Project

Katie Hammond asked the Board for approval on Change Order #003- concrete pad for 3-phase power transformer, running electricity to the septic tank, additional conduit for future WIFI access points, and a septic alarm at a total cost of \$17,367.90. Karen Hartman made a motion to approve the #003 Change Order on the Campground Project in the amount of \$17,367.90. Mike Schulte seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Karen Hartman. Voting nay: none.

The Director gave the Environmental Education report. 1471 kids & 568 adults, for a total of 2039 people were served during 137 programs since the last meeting.

The Director gave the Operations report. At Saulsbury, camp pads were sprayed, two trees were removed at the River Campground. Staff finished burning the food plots. Planted trees, put down mulch and wire in the campground. Planted corn and sorghum in the food plots and planted clover fields. In Discovery Park, plumbing was repaired in the rest rooms. Deep Lakes Park Beach was opened to the public May 16, 2025.


Other Items from the Director

Katie Hammond shared an email from a camper at Saulsbury about not being able to get important phone calls from a family member in need. Areas of Saulsbury are considered "dead zones". Service to this area would be extremely expensive and other alternatives were suggested to the camper in an email reply.

Items from the Board – None.

Claims - Karen Hartman made a motion to approve all claims in the of \$6,970.62. Mike Schulte seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich, Karen Hartman. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment - Chairperson, Julie Jindrich adjourned the meeting at 6:42 P.M.



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Katie Hammond, Director  
Muscatine County Conservation Board