



MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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July 21, 2025
Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025 at the Environmental Learning Center. Vice-Chairperson, Mike Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Members absent: Karen Hartman & Julie Jindrich.

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

New Muscatine County Conservation Board Member, Jeff Snyder was appointed by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors on July 7, 2025 to fill a five-year term ending on December 31, 2029.

Meeting Minutes

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025, meeting. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation – None.

Special Events Applications - None

Update on Projects - Katie Hammond reported that the 20th Anniversary Celebration for the Environmental Learning Center went well. Approximately 125 in attendance. The lighted bike ride was cancelled because of bad weather. The MCCB Foundation Fish Fry was well received and attended by approximately 86 people. Several Foundation donations have been received.

Discussion and action on the Deep Lakes Park Campground Project

Katie Hammond gave the Board an update on Change Order #3 which had already been approved by the Board at the May 19, 2025, meeting. Eric Furnas stated that the original quote of \$17,367.90 will be paid. The Director also asked for approval on Change Order #004 to change the rebar size needed for the concrete camper pads in the amount of \$5,992.80. Sherry Seright

made a motion to approve the #004 Change Order on the Campground Project in the amount of \$5,992.80. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

The Director gave the Environmental Education report. 1128 kids & 539 adults, for a total of 1667 people, were served during 111 programs since the last meeting.

The Director gave the Operations report. At Saulsbury, staff prepared for the expected flooding. Staff removed storm damaged trees, and a dead tree in the campground. Some electrical repairs were made and camping pads were sprayed. In Discovery Park, teasel, willows and weeds were sprayed. Rock and mulch were put down. Deck boards were replaced on the ELC deck and deck boards on the fishing dock were repaired. At the Environmental Learning Center, lights were repaired, a pipe leak in the basement was repaired, patio blocks were reset, re-staining was done on the outside of the building. A lot of weeding was done around the building. Inside, dusting and cleaning of areas and displays. Lights and a radio were installed in the new patrol truck.

Other Items from the Director

Katie Hammond gave the members information on new training required for elected officials which will be Friday, August 15 from noon to 1:30PM. We have also received the water fountain/bottle filling station and staff will be working on installing it this week.

Items from the Board – None.

Claims

Sherry Seright made a motion to approve all claims in the of \$12,191.66. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Sherry Seright and Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment Vice-Chairperson, Mike Schulte adjourned the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

Katie Hammond, Director
Muscatine County Conservation Board