



MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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January 19, 2026
Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Muscatine County Conservation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026 at the Environmental Learning Center. Chairperson Julie Jindrich called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

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

Members absent: Sherry Seright & Karen Hartman.

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

Election of 2026 Conservation Board officers

Jeff Snyder made a motion to elect Mike Schulte as the 2026 Chairperson, and himself, (Jeff Snyder) as 2026 Vice Chairperson. Julie Jindrich seconded the motion. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich & Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

New Chair, Mike Schulte began to run the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Jeff Snyder made a motion to approve December 15, 2025, meeting minutes. Julie Jindrich seconded. Voting aye: Julie Jindrich, Mike Schulte & Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Public Participation - None.

Special Events Permit Applications - None.

Public Hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Conservation Deep Lakes Park Maintenance Building Project At 6:05 P.M.,

Mike Schulte opened the public hearing on the matter of the Deep Lakes Park Maintenance Building Project. There were no additional people from the public present. The Board discussed the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimates. At 6:07 P.M., Jeff Snyder made a motion to close the public hearing. Julie Jindrich seconded. Roll call vote: Mike Schulte, aye; Jeff Snyder, Aye; & Julie Jindrich, Aye. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and possible action to approve Muscatine County Conservation Board Resolution 2026-1, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and setting date for receipt of bids for the Deep Lakes Park Maintenance Building

Julie Jindrich made a motion to approve Muscatine County Conservation Board Resolution 2026-1. This included holding a walk-through for bidders on Monday, January 26, 2026; bid opening on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm; and a potential bid awarded at the Monday, February 16, 2026 Conservation Board Meeting. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich & Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Affirm Change Order #9 on the Deep Lakes Park Campground Project in the amount of \$1,960.00. This balances out the quantities from construction

Jeff Snyder made a motion to affirm Change Order #9 on the Deep Lakes Park Campground in the amount of \$1.960 that updated all bid quantities. Julie Jindrich seconded the motion. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Jeff Snyder & Julie Jindrich. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and possible action on mower bids

The Director presented the bids received from Sinclair Tractor and P & K Midwest, for a new John Deere 1550 Terrain Cut Mower with trade in of a 2020 John Deere 1550. The Board discussed both bids. Julie Jindrich made a motion to accept the low bid of \$17, 963.73 from P&K Midwest. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich & Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and possible action on truck bids

The Director presented the bids for a new Chevy/GMC or Ford truck. Three bids were received from local dealerships, and the state bids were also considered. Julie Jindrich made a motion to approve the low bid of \$33,859 submitted by Mincer Ford out of Columbus Junction for a 2026 Ford F-150. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich & Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Discussion and possible direction on terms and conditions to accept a potential land donation from The Nature Conservancy

The Board discussed the terms and conditions that might be presented to The Nature Conservancy for two potential land donations. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action on a Saulsbury Lodge refund request by Gema Witt

A letter was presented to the Board from Gema Witt with a refund request. Julie Jindrich made a motion to approve a refund of \$100 which was the cost of the reservation minus online fees. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich & Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Update on Projects

The Deep Lakes Park Campground is mostly finished and would like to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 2, 2026, at 11:00 AM. A flyer will be sent out to County Supervisors, Board Members, and Foundation Board Members. The Director will be also be asking for bids for the Campground septic pump outs that will be needed and requesting a decision at either the 2026, February or March meeting. The work on the Deep Lakes Park Disc Golf course is making progress. Staff have finished building the Raptor mews and the electricity has been installed.

The Director gave the Environmental Education report. There were 1,013 kids & 301 adults, for a total of 1,314 people were served during 95 programs since the last meeting.

The Director gave an operations report. Staff have finished building the Raptor mews. At Deep Lakes Park, the campground has been seeded, posts have been set, blocks have been moved to protect the well, and designated brush has been cut for the Disc Golf course. At Saulsbury, trees have been cut along the levee.

Other items from the Director

The Director stated that the Grant request to Muscatine Charities for the kayaks and trailer was denied.

Items from the Board

Jeff Snyder inquired about the acquisition of Towhead Island by the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine. He wanted to know if Muscatine County Conservation was involved and if so, to what extent. The Director was familiar with the project, and said she had conversations with the CFGM staff and that the MCCB staff was not committed to anything on the project.

Claims

Julie Jindrich made a motion to approve all claims in the amount of \$16,047.80. Jeff Snyder seconded. Voting aye: Mike Schulte, Julie Jindrich & Jeff Snyder. Voting nay: none.

Adjournment

Chairperson, Mike Schulte adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Katie Hammond, Director – Muscatine County Conservation