

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026, at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Caldwell Park. Board Chair Linda Fox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other members of the Board present at the meeting were Steve Dixon, Chuck Webb, Curt Jager, and Jennifer Peterson. The members of staff present were Director Chris Clingan and Admin Assistant Molly Hicks. Also present was Mark Sullivan, Friends Board Chair and Ella Paulson.

Board Chair Fox asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Jager. Seconded by Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes were discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 board meeting. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Expenditures were reviewed.

- I. Webb made a motion to approve the expenditures. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fish Habitat grant and Wildlife Habitat stamp agreement approval.

- I. Webb made a motion to approve the Fish Habitat grant. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- II. Jager made a motion to approve the Wildlife Habitat stamp agreement. Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Scanlon Bait and Tackle request.

- I. A request from Scanlon Bait and Tackle to advertise in Mahaska County parks was discussed.

Cabin donation request.

- I. Jager made a motion to approve the cabin donation request from the Mahaska Chamber and development group. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- II. Webb made a motion to approve the cabin donation request from the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation for two free nights with an additional three weeknights at a 50% off discounted rate. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bond payment.

- I. Jager made a motion to approve the bond payment for \$358,082.50. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Stem externship.

- I. Dixon made a motion to approve stem externships for Steph Visser and Morgan Ernst. Jager seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kiosk purchase for Russell from memorial funds.

- I. Webb made a motion to approve the purchase of a kiosk for Russell Wildlife Area using funds from the Max Jacobson memorial and the Marie De Beof Memorial. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be on May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Public comments given.

Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Chairman _____ Secretary _____

Date _____ Date _____