

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024, at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Caldwell Park. Board Chair Steve Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other members of the Board present at the meeting were Curt Jager, Linda Fox and Jennifer Peterson. The members of the staff present were Director Chris Clingan and Admin Assistant Molly Hicks. AmeriCorps members Lily Morin and Ella Paulson were present. Present from the public was Mark Sullivan Chairperson of Friends of Mahaska County Conservation. Also present was Marlis DeBoef, Brooke Ann Sells and Rodney Anderson.

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

The Minutes were discussed.

- I. Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024, board meeting. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Expenditures were reviewed.

- I. A few items on the expenditures list were discussed.
- II. Jager made a motion to approve the expenditures. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Duncan Green Bill was discussed.

- I. Fox made a motion to pay half of the bill now and half on July 1, 2025. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

UMB payment was discussed.

- I. Fox made a motion to pay the interest on the county conservation center bond. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Americorps Invoice was explained.

- I. New Americorps member Ella Paulson was introduced.
- II. Fox made a motion to pay the Americorps invoice. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clingan gave an update on the Caldwell Wetland project.

The ICCS 2027 fall conference was discussed.

- I. Fox made a motion to move forward on the prospect of hosting the ICCS 2027 fall conference. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Prairies at Voss and Cedar Bluffs were discussed.

Extending the Camping season was discussed.

The cabin policy update was discussed.

- I. Jager made a motion to approve the cabin policy update. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about fundraising from Friends was had.

The next meeting will be November 18, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Public comments given.

Jager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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