

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025, at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Caldwell Park. Board Chair Curt Jager called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other members of the Board present at the meeting were Linda Fox, Steve Dixon and Jennifer Peterson. The members of staff present were Director Chris Clingan, Admin Assistant Molly Hicks and Naturalist Laura DeCook. Also present was Mark Sullivan, Friends Board Chair.

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

The Minutes were discussed.

- I. Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2025, board meeting. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Expenditures were reviewed.

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

The Tourism Grant was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to allow Chris to work with the Friends Group to get the grant work started for new park signs. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Expense Reports were discussed.

- I. Peterson made a motion to approve the spending of the end of the year supplies of everything that was listed. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- II. It was noted by Fox that the Sealed Bid Auction sales totaled \$3829.51

Native Landscape / WQI Project was discussed.

- I. Peterson moved to allow Chris to spend \$12,244.00 on native landscaping. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

USFWS Southern Iowa Grasslands Program was discussed.

Rental Policy for the ELC basement was discussed.

The next board meeting will be June 16, 2025.

Public comments given.

Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Chairman _____ Secretary _____

Date _____ Date _____