

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 21, 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 Chuck Webb and Steve Dixon. The members of staff present were Director Chris Clingan, Naturalist Laura DeCook and Admin Assistant Molly Hicks. Also present was Mark Sullivan, Friends Board Chair.

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

The Minutes were discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to amend the minutes of the June 16, 2025, board meeting. The Restitution Check for the Arson Case was amended to say the check was given to the What Cheer Fire Department. The amended minutes were approved by Dixon. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Expenditures were reviewed.

- I. A few items on the expenditures list were discussed.
- II. The Kraig Ford expenditure was listed twice but was only paid once.
- III. Webb made a motion to approve the expenditures. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Ranger Ride Along Program was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to approve the Ride Along Program waiver. Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Venue Update for the ELC was discussed.

- I. Webb made a motion to approve the ELC Venue rental agreement form. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Southern Iowa Grassland Program was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to proceed with the outlined plan. Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trespass of Heather Peterson.

- I. The topic was discussed. Heather Peterson is banned from all Mahaska County Conservation Property.

Mandatory Training for Appointed Officials was discussed.

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Heartland Insurance Bill was discussed.

- I. Webb made a motion to pay the \$46,041.00 Heartland Insurance bill. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Shelter Reservation Suggested Rate Increase was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to approve the shelter rental rate increase. The new rate is 30.00 for non-electric and 50.00 for electric. Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

WQI Oxbow Restoration was discussed.

- I. Webb made a motion move ahead with the restoration. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Speed limit at Eveland was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to change the speed limit to 5 mph at Eveland. Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Frisbee Golf Course at Caldwell was discussed.

- I. The topic was tabled so Chris can get more information.

The next board meeting will be on August 18, 2025.

Public comments given.

Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Chairman _____ Secretary _____

Date _____ Date _____