

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 23, 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, Curt Jager, Chuck Webb and Jennifer Peterson. The members of staff present were Director Chris Clingan, Admin Assistant Molly Hicks and Park Ranger Steve Nugteren. Also present was Mark Sullivan, Friends Board Chair.

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

The Minutes were discussed.

- I. Jager made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2026 board meeting. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Expenditures were reviewed.

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

Rotation of board members.

- I. Jager made a motion to rotate board members by basic seniority of each member's term. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Wetlands projects on the Voss Property.

- I. Webb made a motion to move forward with the wetlands project on the Voss property, providing there is 100% funding for the project. Jager seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt changes to the volunteer handbook.

- I. Jager made a motion to approve the changes to the volunteer handbook. Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Temperature control policy.

- I. Jager made a motion to approve the temperature control policy. Webb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on allowing public to pay part-time staff for private tours of the ELC.

- I. Dixon made a motion to approve the hiring of part-time staff to provide private tours of the upstairs area of the ELC when requested by renters of the ELC community room. The cost will be covered by the renter. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be on March 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Public comments given.

Dixon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Chairman _____ Secretary _____

Date _____ Date _____