The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 19, 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, Jennifer Peterson, and Curt Jager. The members of staff present were Director Chris Clingan, Administrative Naturalist Ella Paulson, and Environmental Education Coordinator Laura DeCook. Also present was Mark Sullivan, Friends Board Chair.

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

The Minutes were discussed.

I. Jager made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st, 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.

Public Comments.

I. No public comments were given.

Peer Support and Chaplain program

I. Jager made a motion to approve the policy for a peer support and chaplain program for Mahaska County Conservation. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Iowa DOT preconstruction agreement follow-up

I. Webb made a motion to approve the Iowa DOT preconstruction agreement provided that the wording in the contract is changed from 'asphalt' to 'concrete'. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bid procurement follow-up with Shive Hattery

I. Jager made a motion to approve signing the professional services agreement with Shive-Hattery for Eveland Access Campground improvements. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Service agreement for generator

I. Dixon made a motion to approve the generator maintenance agreement with 3E for three years at $1,100 annually. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Tourism project at Caldwell Park

I. Jager made a motion to approve the use of Caldwell Park as the potential site of a Thomas Dambo troll statue. Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be on November 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m in the discovery lab.

Public comments given.

Jager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Chairman _____ Secretary _____

Date _____ Date _____