

Marshall County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting July 14, 2025
Grimes Farm and Conservation Center.....5:00 p.m.

President, Tom Mack called the regular meeting of the Marshall County Conservation to order on Monday, July 14, 2025, at the Grimes Farm and Conservation Center at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were: Rich Naughton, Steve Armstrong, Pam Paone, and Tom Mack. Tom Deimerly was present by Zoom. Staff present were Tami Krough, Jeremiah Manken, and Emily Herring.

There are no changes to the agenda.

No public comment.

There were no corrections to the minutes of June 9, 2025 and June 19, 2025, they were declared approved as presented.

On a motion by Armstrong, seconded by Naughton, the Board approved the list of claims as presented with addendums. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, Paone, Deimerly, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring requested the board approve the Friends of Marshall County Conservation holding the endowment for the conservation easement. The Alliant Energy Conservation Easement will include a \$45,000 endowment to help with any future legal issues. Paone moved to approve the Friends of Marshall County Conservation holding the endowment for the conservation easement. Armstrong seconded. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, Paone, Deimerly, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring asked the board to approve the application of a NACWA Grant by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) of \$75,000.00 for a possible land purchase. Armstrong moved to approve the application of a NACWA Grant by the IDNR. Naughton seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, Paone, Deimerly, and Naughton. Motion carried.

The board discussed establishment of Accessible Hunting Areas in Timmons North, Marietta Sand Prairie, and Grammer Grove. Armstrong moved to table any action on this item. Naughton seconded. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, Paone, Deimerly, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring sought approval for construction to begin on the observatory at Green Castle Recreation Area. Concrete work is \$14,250.00 for the pad, \$10,000.00 for road and handicapped spot, electrical work is \$15,000.00, and building materials is \$15,000.00. The project is being paid by a donation from Beverly Iverson to honor Ross Iverson. Paone moved to approve the construction of the observatory at Green Castle Recreation Area. Armstrong seconded. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, Paone, Deimerly, and Naughton. Motion carried.

The date for the strategic planning exercise is August 11, 2025 after the board meeting. The board meeting start time was changed from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

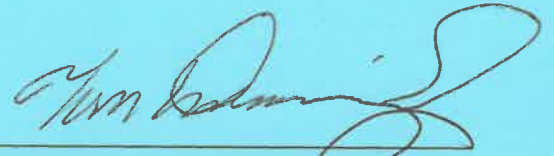
Herring asked who would be at the Green Castle Grand Opening. Ribbon cutting begins at 5:45 p.m.

Non-action items discussed: Sand Lake, windmills, Three Bridges

Armstrong moved adjourn the meeting. Naughton seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Tom Mack, President

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Tom Deimerly, Secretary/Treasurer