

Marshall County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting January 12, 2026
Grimes Farm and Conservation Center.....5:00 p.m.

Vice President, Rich Naughton, called the regular meeting of the Marshall County Conservation to order on Monday, January 12, 2026, at the Grimes Farm and Conservation Center at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were: Steve Armstrong, Tina Nelson, Tom Deimerly and Rich Naughton. Pam Paone was present by phone call. Staff present was Tami Krough and Emily Herring. Public present Chad Southard.

There are no changes to the agenda.

The slate of officers for 2026 were decided: Chair – Rich Naughton, Vice Chair – Tom Deimerly, and Secretary/Treasurer - Steve Armstrong. Paone moved to accept the slate of officers for 2026. Armstrong seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Nelson, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

No public comment.

There were no corrections to the minutes of December 8, 2025, they were declared approved as presented.

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

Klaunenberg Crop Ground Lease Auction:

A) Motion by Deimerly, second by Armstrong to open Auction.

Voting in favor:: Paone, Nelson, Naughton, Deimerly, and Armstrong.

B) Motion by Deimerly, second by Nelson to place on file written sealed bids received by the Conservation Office and open them. Voting in favor:: Paone, Nelson, Naughton, Deimerly, and Armstrong.

1 sealed bid received by Consuela Allen for \$230/acre.

C) Auction Bids received in person / on Zoom, etc:

Chad Southard for \$250/acre

D) Motion by Deimerly, second by Armstrong to close Auction.

Voting in favor:: Paone, Nelson, Naughton, Deimerly, and Armstrong.

E) Motion by Armstrong, second by Deimerly to [approve] Klaunenberg Crop Lease with Southard Farms LLC in the amount of \$250/acre, for three years.

Voting in favor:: Paone, Nelson, Naughton, Deimerly, and Armstrong.

Herring requested the board approve hiring Leon Freeman as a FEMA consultant for the FEMA projects related to May 2024 flooding. Total cost would be \$7,500.00. Deimerly moved to approve the hiring of FEMA Consultant, Leon Freeman. Paone seconded. Voting in favor:: Paone, Nelson, Naughton, Deimerly, and Armstrong.

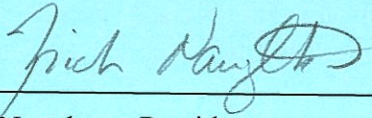
Herring stated she had not received information from the Iowa National Guard, so the item did not need to be removed from the table.

Herring explained possible investing funds in either certificates of deposit (CDS) or money markets. Deimerly moved to have Herring research various investment options with the County Treasurer. Paone seconded. Voting in favor:: Paone, Nelson, Naughton, Deimerly, and Armstrong.

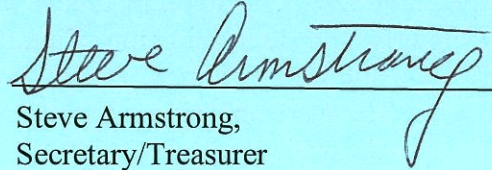
Herring discussed the holiday party.

Other discussion: Kevin Goodman's passing, pancake feed volunteers, and workmen's comp/safety.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Rich Naughton, President

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Steve Armstrong,
Secretary/Treasurer