

August 11, 2026

The Poweshiek County Conservation Board met in regular session at the Diamond Lake, Foster Center on August 11, 2026.

Chairman Calderwood called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Members present: Erick Calderwood, Ann Brau, Tyler Geiger (9:07), Roger Flander, and Lloyd Davis. Also present were: Jeff Tindle, Carol Tindle, Cole Rozendaal, Amy Durbin and Tylor Nelson.

No Public Forum;

On motion by Brau, second Flander, the Board voted to approve the minutes from July 7, 2026.

On motion by Flander, second Davis, the Board voted to pay the July claims listed below:

Claims (will pay on August 13):

Adams Construction LLC	600.00
Audas Sanitation	755.15
Capital City Equipment Rental	292.10
Central Iowa Distributing	484.00
Forbes Office Solutions	10.31
Hometown Hardware	282.16
John Deere Financial	1314.49
Kinetic Windstream	163.90
Lowry Equipment	538.74
Mahaska Communication Group	148.01
MidAmerican Energy	84.66
Menards	499.12
Montezuma Super Valu	9.95
Montezuma Municipal Utilities	1574.29
Ponderosa Supply	21.54
SCISWA Transfer Station	251.30
Taylor Auto	20.00
Victor Oil	1778.08
Shive Hattery	95050.00

Old Business;

Nelson provided the Board with an update of Diamond Lake Restoration. Lake Drawdown and water control structure bids completed by DNR were favorable. Nelson displayed bid overview and presented contract 27CRDLWBBDODD-0002 for approval. On motion by Geiger, second, Brau, all votes aye to sign and enter into contract 27CRDLWBBDODD-0002 for Diamond Lake dewatering and install of water control structure. Project will begin post Labor Day, details to come after NRC meeting on 8/13/26.

Nelson provided the Board with the contract from Shive Hattery Engineering for construction phase engineering services for approval. Motion by Geiger, second Flander, all votes aye to enter into agreement with Shive Hattery for construction phase engineering services.

Nelson discussed with the Board a change of plans in the Spoil Site engineering plans. As soil boring data has returned this last month, we now know that plans to build one large soil retention dam is not possible with the soil constitution available. Other options are being explored and Nelson is confident in the feasibility of the soon to come options.

Nelson informed the Board of an upcoming "grant work day" with the DNR. Since the grant for the boat ramp project has fallen through, we will need additional funding sources to continue with the project as planned. More information to come.

Nelson informed the Board that Verkada cameras have been successfully returned. Nelson showcased the MCG cameras on trial. These cameras are more basic function, lacking the AI processing and license plate recognition features. On motion by Geiger, second Brau, all votes aye for accepting the single lens camera quote and purchase from Mahaska Communications Group.

Nelson notified the Board that after more research on the restoration lease for Millgrove Wildlife Area, a four year agreement is necessary. Purpose again is to restore the area to native prairie and the best way to do so is a year of soybeans to start, and the Board will want to finish on corn for the planting process. Contract is in the works.

Nelson informed the Board the drone applicator we were experimenting restoration applications with is no longer in business. Nelson is set to meet with another applicator next week to discuss the details of the restoration applications to determine if the new applicator is interested and can meet the needs of the application.

No Other Old Business;

New Business;

The Board reviewed the Naturalist Report for July. Durbin highlighted essential Program partnering to keep programs diversified and fresh for public interest.

Nelson presented the Board with an Amended Memorandum of Agreement for the management of Diamond Lake with the City of Montezuma. On motion by Geiger, second Flander, all votes in favor of presenting the updated agreement to the City Council.

Nelson discussed briefly the history and importance of the state funded Resource Enhancement and Protection act (REAP) within the county. Nelson proposed to revitalize the committee for annual meetings; Tindle accepted as a County Supervisor, Calderwood accepted as Conservation Board Chairman, and Nelson agreed to facilitate the meetings and/or designee. Invitations will go out to other community members around the county and the meetings will be held annually, post Board Meeting in August, with the exception of our first meeting to be held next month, September 8 at the Foster Center.

Other New Business;

Nelson presented the Board with Wesley Barton, Park Technician, letter of resignation, received August 10th, effective August 10th. Nelson notified the Board of his intent to get the job posted and begin the hiring process immediately.

The Board reviewed the July Work Report. Rozendaal highlighted experimental mowing of Phase 1 Prairie Restoration, new seed harvest initiatives to subsidize forbe densities, and explained the new and completed sericea lespedeza management plan.

The Board decided to meet at 9AM for the September 8, Board Meeting at the Foster Center.

On motion by Davis, second Flander, the Board voted to adjourn at 10:12 a.m.

Dated this 11th day of August 2026.

Poweshiek County Conservation Board
By:

Tylor Nelson

Erick Calderwood, Chairman

Ann Brau, Vice-Chairman

Tyler Geiger, Secretary

Wayne Davis

Roger Flander