

September 8, 2026

The Poweshiek County Conservation Board met in regular session at the Diamond Lake, Foster Center on September 8, 2026.

Chairman Calderwood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Erick Calderwood, Ann Brau, Tyler Geiger, Roger Flander, and Lloyd Davis. Also present were: Jeff Tindle, Cole Rozendaal, Amy Durbin, Tylor Nelson, and Jeff Martin.

No Public Forum;

On motion by Geiger, second Flander, the Board voted to approve the minutes from August 11, 2026.

On motion by Geiger, second Flander, the Board voted to pay the August claims listed below:

Claims (will pay on September 10):

Audas Sanitation	755.15
Beck Equipment	18.63
Cyclone Pest	120.00
Grinnell Herald-Register	44.50
Hickenbottom, Inc	20.12
Hometown Hardware	84.46
John Deere Financial	1008.95
Kinetic Windstream	174.18
Mahaska Communication Group	149.19
MidAmerican Energy	99.05
Montezuma Crop Service	49.30
Montezuma Super Valu	20.57
Montezuma Municipal Utilities	1116.04
Ponderosa Supply	463.74
Seaton Construction, Inc	725.00
Taylor Auto	20.00
Vannoy Chevrolet	170.00
Victor Oil	1982.68
Shive Hattery	45350.00

Old Business;

Nelson provided the Board with an update of Diamond Lake Restoration. Nelson met with District Forester Mark Vitosh to discuss timber stand management plans surrounding Diamond Lake. After a very close analysis of one woodland area, Nelson is confident in a management strategy for several different types of woodland surrounding Diamond Lake.

Nelson continued Lake Restoration discussion as budget discussions have occurred over the prior weeks. The Board discussed priority of associated lake project timelines and budget as well as grant opportunities. Nelson informed the Board that another budget meeting with the DNR is coming soon, and will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Nelson informed the Board that the Amended Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Montezuma has been passed and signed.

Nelson shared with the Board the Seaton Construction bill from work completed at Deep River. Nelson presented the access agreement to the locked corner of Deep River Wildlife Area. On motion by Davis, second Brau, all voted in favor of entering into the access agreement with Mr. Richard Cheney, neighbor and access provider to the northwest corner of Deep River Wildlife Area.

Nelson informed the Board that the quote for a security camera with MCG has changed. Nelson pointed out the two items that changed. On motion by Geiger, second Davis, all votes aye to refuse the new quote and security camera installation by MCG.

Other Old Business;

Nelson confirmed drone application plans for honeysuckle control are back on track with a new applicator. Plans and maps are being created to prepare for the late fall timeframe.

New Business;

Nelson informed the Board of the intent to apply for a Fish Habitat Grant again this fall. Nelson presented the Statement Resolution for the Board and reviewed Section 483A.3A Code of Iowa 2001 and Chapter 35 (571) Iowa Administration Code with the Board. On motion by Brau, second Geiger, all votes aye to approve the adoption of Section 483A.3A Code of Iowa 2001 and Chapter 35 (571) Iowa Administration Code.

Nelson informed the Board of a small change to the Park Technician Job Description. The addition of a CPR/First Aid certification requirement to compliment the job duty of administering such has been added. County Supervisors have approved the description in advance of this meeting. On motion by Geiger, second Brau, all voted to approve the Park Technician Job Description as presented. Nelson informed the Board interviews are being scheduled and will provide updates as they progress.

The Board reviewed the Naturalist Report for August. Durbin highlighted the upcoming Trunk or Treat event, as well as a potential water quality partnership opportunity.

The Board reviewed the August Work Report. Rozendaal highlighted second mowing of Phase 1 Prairie Restoration and general maintenance of the park as the singular technician on staff.

No Other New Business;

The Board decided to meet at 9AM for the October 6 Board Meeting at the Foster Center.

On motion by Davis, second Flander, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:46 a.m.

Dated this 8th day of September 2026.

Poweshiek County Conservation Board
By:

Tylor Nelson

Erick Calderwood, Chairman

Ann Brau, Vice-Chairman

Tyler Geiger, Secretary

Wayne Davis

Roger Flander