



# THE NEWSLETTER

*Dubuque County Conservation Society*

“Organized in 1933 for Protection of Soil, Forests, Waters and Wildlife”

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## DUBUQUE COUNTY CONSERVATION SOCIETY Audited minutes--September 10, 2019

Present: Punkie Birkel, Pat Hayes, Paul Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Connie Kintzle, Tom Klinge, Bev Rettenmeier, Dan Simon, Bob Walton

Call to Order: by President, Pat Hayes at 6:00 pm

Approval of May 2019 minutes: presented by Secretary, Bob Walton. Motion to approve by Kemp. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rettenmeier. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: presented by Treasurer, Connie Kintzle. Motion to transfer \$150,000.00 from checking to 2 CDs by Klinge. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kaufman. Motion passed.

Membership report: Pat Hayes/Connie Kintzle reported that additional help is needed to update current paid membership list and to renew memberships.

### **Old Business:**

--McLaughlin Wildlife Area: Hayes stated that the Society needs to hire people for timber stand improvement and will check with the Jones County Soil Conservation Service to see if there is cost share available.

--Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area, Leifker Wildlife Area, and Oxford Junction Property: no action taken

--Update to the booklet: Still need pictures to update booklet and pictures are needed for new display board.

--Website: no action taken

--Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: no action taken

--Storage of approved minutes and treasurer's reports: Walton stated that he will check at the Swiss Valley Nature Center to see if old minutes and treasurer's reports have been stored there.

### **New Business**

--Banking with Midwest One: Kintzle stated that this was taken care of as part of the Treasurer's report.

--Grants discussion: Deferred applying for Racing Association Grant until a specific project is identified and grant application requirements are known.

--Scholarship discussion: It was recommended that the \$1,500.00 Kapler/Baumgartner Scholarship be continued, and that in the future the application deadline be changed to December 1<sup>st</sup>. No action taken.

--Possible seed collection project at White Pine Hollow: Hayes reported that the Iowa DNR was interested in collecting seed from White Pines there to propagate the unique community of pines. The size and age of the pines make it difficult to harvest the seeds and requires a bucket truck for trees at the edge of the preserve. Following discussion, Rettenmeier moved that the Society donate \$1,000.00 towards the seed collection effort. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birkel. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm by Birkel. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Klinge. Motion passed.

**DUBUQUE COUNTY CONSERVATION SOCIETY**  
**Unaudited minutes—October 8, 2019**

Present: Pat Hayes, Gerda Preston Hartman, Mark Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Connie Kintzle, Tom Klinge, Bev Rettenmeier, Bob Walton, and guest-Tim Fiedler.

Call to Order: by President, Pat Hayes at 6:00 pm

Approval of May 2019 minutes: presented by Secretary, Bob Walton. Motion to approve as written by Rettenmeier. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kemp. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: presented by Treasurer, Connie Kintzle. Motion to approve by Mark Kaufman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Klinge. Motion passed.

Membership report: Pat Hayes/Connie Kintzle—no report.

**Old Business:**

--McLaughlin Wildlife Area: No report

--Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area, Leifker Wildlife Area, and Oxford Junction Property: Tim Fiedler reported that flooding has hampered efforts to control cottonwood trees in the prairie plantings. Prairie and scrub plantings are doing well at Oxford Junction.

--Storage of approved minutes and treasurer's reports: Walton reported that newsletters up to 2008, which include the minutes, are stored at the Swiss Valley Nature and recommended that newsletters from 2008 to the present be added.

--Scholarship recipient: Paul Kaufman moved that the 2019 recipient and one guest be invited to the annual meeting/appreciation dinner and that the Society pay for their dinners. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Kaufman. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

--CD's with Fidelity Bank: Kintzle reported that 3 CD's were renewed at Fidelity.

--Business listings in the newsletter: The paid business memberships will continue to be listed in the newsletter each month and the complimentary will be eliminated from the list.

--Annual business meeting/appreciation dinner: It was decided that the event will be held at the Copper Kettle on November 12, at 6:00 pm.

**Other Business:**

Guest, Tim Fiedler reported that a parcel of good wildlife habitat may become available in Jackson County and would provide more information in the near future.

**Adjournment** Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by Kintzle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kaufman. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted,  
 Bob Walton, Secretary

**CONSERVATION TIPS FOR THE FALL**

From <https://www.warrenswcd.com>

While spending time outdoors this fall, keep in mind these conservation tips in order to protect the health of our streams and rivers.

As the leaves are falling as fast as we rake them, it is important to remember the effect yard debris has on the health of our streams. When yard debris makes its way to streams, excess nutrients accumulate in the water, increasing algae growth which can deplete the water of dissolved oxygen and harm aquatic wildlife. Leaves and other yard debris should be disposed of properly to avoid degrading the health of our waterways. Many communities in Warren County

have designated leaf and brush pickup times. Check your local public works website for more details. Alternatively, you may consider letting your leaves stay where they fall this year and mulching them with your lawnmower. The National Wildlife Federation states that leaves provide a natural mulch and fertilizer for your lawn and vital habitat for small critters such as turtles, toads, and birds. Just make sure you start the process before the leaves get too thick and wet with rain.

If your yard needs fertilized this fall, consider testing your soil so you know how much fertilizer, if needed, to use. You can pick up your soil test kit at our office during regular business hours! When excess fertilizer, even compost, is applied, soil will not absorb the nutrients and will be washed away with the rain flowing into the nearest stream. By testing your soil, you will know how much fertilizer is needed, protecting our streams and potentially saving you money. A little extra caution while you keep up with your fall to-do list can make a big difference for the health of our waterways!

### **If you like to see wildlife**

From <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

Most people who plant trees want to see more wildlife on their land. District foresters of the IDNR can help you develop a long-term plan to provide wildlife habitat for specific species as your woodland grows and changes. A few things to keep in mind: In selecting trees to plant, favor trees and shrubs that produce seed, berries and fruit. Plants such as dogwood, chokecherry and ninebark hold their mast, berries or fruit through the winter to supply critical food. Include conifers. They supply important winter cover for wildlife. To optimize habitat for the widest range of species, try to maintain as much vegetative diversity as possible. Woodland openings, especially along ridgetops, add wildlife “edge” for species needing edge. Large, mature trees that produce nuts and acorns and offer roosting are essential habitat for turkeys, squirrels and deer. Especially important for turkey roosting are large trees on ridgetops and along lowland drainage banks. Periodic brush cutting, understory burning, and selective tree thinning will improve understory vegetation, a critical part of woodland habitat for many species. Don’t allow livestock to overgraze, trample, and compact soil in woodlands.

### **Glass Recycling in Dubuque**

Submitted by Eve Dietrich - Education and Outreach Coordinator, DBQ Community Schools

Glass recycling seems to be a touchy issue in Dubuque area. Glass recycling in this area would actually take more resources to recycle, and do more harm to the environment than it's worth. The closest glass recycling facility is in Kansas City. It would take more natural resources than the typical recycling process to ship the containers down to the facility. Glass is made of sand and sand only. It breaking down in the landfill will put earth materials back in to the earth. All that being said, we still want to decrease the amount of material used and entering the landfill. Opting for reusable material first, then recyclable (plastic) containers is the ideal solution. Glass is pretty sturdy, so reusing it for food storage, repurposing for decorations, and other similar projects is always suggested!

Pat/Tom had asked me to come in and speak on some of the work I do/have done or other items related to the conservation/education field. I'm more than happy to do this! My only conflict is that I have a regular commitment that begins at 6:45 at Hills & Dales on Windsor every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Whatever talk I give would have to be 30 minutes or less, but I'm still super willing to do it! Let me know when you would like me to come in!

### **Events Calendar**

Swiss Valley Nature Center/EB Lyons/Audubon Society/Hurstville Calendars

All programs are subject to weather conditions. To check for changes to this schedule, check the websites in the list of organizations below. The programs are open to the public and are designed for people of all ages unless otherwise described. For additional info or preregistration contact one of the following depending on the program’s location:

Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Road Peosta, IA 52068, 563-556-6745. [www.dubuquecounty.org](http://www.dubuquecounty.org) or you can search for

“Swiss Valley Nature Center Facebook”.

EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque, IA at 563-556-0620. [www.minesofspain.org](http://www.minesofspain.org)

Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa, IA at 563- 652-3783. [www.jacksonccb.com](http://www.jacksonccb.com)

Dubuque Audubon Society, P.O. Box 3174, Dubuque, IA 52004-3174, 563-582-215. [www.audubondubuque.org/](http://www.audubondubuque.org/)

### **Halloween Hike Friday, October 25, 6:00-8:00pm** Swiss Valley Nature Center

Join us for a non-scary hike! Walk the illuminated trail and meet some colorful characters at this family favorite event. Crafts, face painting, s'mores and a Halloween film will be available in the nature center. Hikes leave every 15 minutes and you must pre-register.

### **Honey Bees 101 Sunday, October 27, 2019, 1-2pm** Swiss Valley Nature Center

Honey bees are an amazing insect! Come to learn all about these fantastic pollinators, from how the hive functions to the products they make and how we use them. Finally check out the nature center's very own observation hive!

NOTE: This is not a formal beekeeping class however we will have additional resources for you at this program if you are interested in that aspect of honey bees.

### **Compass Course Sunday, November 3, 10:00am-3:00pm** Swiss Valley Nature Center

During this class we'll cover some of the requirements needed to fo orienteering. We'll learn how to use a compass and then put our skills to the test on an orienteering scavenger hunt. Please dress for going off trail (suggested long pants and sleeves.) Free, no registration required

### **Bird Feeder Workshop Sunday, November 10 2pm** Hurstville Interpretive Center

Get ready to feed your winter visitors! This workshop will provide the materials and instruction for you to build a bird feeder to take home. We'll talk about the different options for bird seed. Cost if \$7. Registration required by November 3. Call 563.652.3783 to register

### **Kids in Nature: Talking Turkey Thursday, November 21, 9:00am** Swiss Valley Nature Center

Bring your non-school aged kids out for a morning of fun in nature. Learn about the wild turkey– their calls, where they live, what they eat and how they find a mate! Call 563-556-6745 to register

### **Gnome Hunt Friday, November 29, 10:00am-3:00pm** Swiss Valley Nature Center

Choose to Opt Outside on Black Friday this year! Bring the entire family to join in the fun of finding all the gnomes hiding along the trail of Swiss Valley Nature Preserve. Search high and low and find them all! Free, no registration required.

### **Other Events Calendar**

**Summer Farmer's Market Ending Oct 26, then Saturday, 7am-noon 1300 Iowa Street**

**Winter Farmer's Market Starting Nov 2, then Saturday, 9am-noon Roshek Building 8th and Locust**

### **Board Members 2019**

Name	Title	563 except as noted	Name	563 except as noted
Mark Kaufman	Vice President	879-3452	Gerda Preston Hartman	588-0649
Pat Hayes	President	542-2960	Whitey Kemp	582-7752
Connie Kintzle	Treasurer	583-3907	Punkie Birkel	
Bob Walton	Secretary		Dan Simon	583-0514
Tom Klinge	Newsletter	815-747-7786	Paul Kaufman	583-5030
			Bev Rettenmeier	

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**Reminders:**

The November meeting is a closed meeting. The next open meeting will be held **Tuesday December 10, 2019** on the second floor of the Oky-Doky at 250 West 1st street. All Members are invited and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Check the event calendars for some exciting things to do.

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