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Board Members:
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Mark Wagner
Jim Pfeiler
Stacy Conforti
Nick Callahan

MAY 26, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Dubuque County Conservation Board meeting was called to order by Chair George Davis at 9:01 A.M. In person meeting held at the Swiss Valley Nature Center with a Zoom link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86733320436?pwd=YGxe9t6dltWlZQ2yXI6Or7aouwTm7S.1>
Meeting ID: 867 3332 0436 Passcode: 762761

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present on Zoom: George Davis, Mark Wagner, Jim Pfeiler, Stacy Conforti and Nick Callahan (9:03 joined).

Staff Members Present: Brian Preston and Lisa Schroeder.

HERITAGE TRAIL PAVING PROJECT:

Kevin Podstawa with WHKS presented project estimates and design information.

- Concrete trail estimated at approximately \$930,000.00 for 2 miles.
- HOT Mix Asphalt (HMA) trail estimated at approximately \$710,000.00 for 2 miles.
- Base funding amount of approximately \$625,000.00 would allow:
 - About 1.7 miles of HMA trail
 - About 1.2 miles of concrete trail
- Discussion included:
 - Cost differences between asphalt and concrete
 - Trail longevity and maintenance
 - User preference for smoother HMA surface
 - Easier repair and overlay capabilities with asphalt
 - Potential trail thickness options (4-inch vs. 5-inch asphalt)

Podstawa recommended maintaining 5-inch asphalt thickness for longevity.

Mick Michel, city of Dyersville supported asphalt option due to greater project length achievable within budget. Supported limestone shoulders

Motion to approve proceeding with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) paving with 5-inch asphalt thickness and maximizing trail length was made by Pfeiler and seconded by Wagner. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mick Michel with the City of Dyersville, thanked the Conservation Board in their efforts to move this project ahead. The City of Dyersville is in complete support of the endeavors.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 4:00 P.M., Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd.
Peosta, Iowa 52068.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn was made by Pfeiler and seconded by Conforti. Motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:16 A.M.



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