

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011**

**HELD AT:**

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**HENRY WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING**  
**502 EAST 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**DES MOINES, IA 50319**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by the NRC Chairperson, Gregory Drees on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. He then welcomed the public to the meeting and reviewed the public speaking forum guidelines.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

- Conrad Clement
- Gregory Drees, Chairperson
- Richard (Kim) Francisco
- Dr. Sally Prickett
- Janelle Rettig
- Dennis Schemmel, Secretary
- Margo Underwood, Vice-Chairperson

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

None

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (INDICATED BY \* ON AGENDA ITEM TITLES)**

- \*9.1 - Easement Issuance – Five Island Lake – Palo Alto Co.
- \*9.4 - Chapter 18 Lease – Triboji Beach – Dickinson County Conservation Board
- \*9.5 - Chapter 18 Lease – Mississippi River – Scott Co.
- \*10 - 28E Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment – Webster County Conservation Board
- \*14 - Cooperative Agreement between the State of Iowa, Department of Natural Resources and Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
- \*17 - Chapter 88: Fishing Tournaments (rescission)

**Motion** – Commissioner Rettig motioned to approve the agenda with the amendment that item#18 - Brass Bluegill Award immediately follow the Director / Deputy Director remarks.

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2011 NRC PUBLIC MEETING**

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

**Discussion** – Commissioner Rettig requested that on page 7 after the second discussion the statement ‘she thought the motion was in violation of Robert’s Rules of Order’ be removed. She had stated that it was in violation of the state’s open meeting laws only.

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

### **3. DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR REMARKS**

#### **Director Lande**

- Cell Phone Towers – Recently an individual has contacted the Director to discuss a proposal to place cell phone towers on state owned lands. This would require research and planning and approval by the NRC to do such a thing.

#### **Deputy Director Boddy**

- DA Position Update – Chuck Corell from the Water Quality Bureau of Environmental Services Division (ESD) will assume the role, effective tomorrow June 10th, of Conservation and Recreation Division (CRD) Administrator. He has had a lustrous career through water quality protection work with the DNR, his work included being an extremely active part of the pioneering team at the DNR that has made us national leaders in continuous improvement and his background not only includes education as a biologist, but previous experience as a park ranger and he's an avid hunter and fisherman.

Thank you to Interim Conservation and Recreation Division Administrator Diane Ford who has done yeoman's work for more than a year by forging new ground in team work within CRD and seeing the division through this past challenging year while still working exceptionally hard as one of the agency's key players at the legislature.

- Missouri River Flooding – the Lewis and Clark visitors center faces a rapidly rising water table. While we can't know exactly, we anticipate we may be looking at at least 4' of flooding in the basement of the new facility. Kevin Szcodronski and his hard-working teams have been there preparing the building for the flooding. It means the final installation of the displays will now not occur and the August NRC Tour to Lewis and Clark has to be cancelled. The displays are anticipated for installation by December of this year. It was suggested to postpone their NRC site tour until spring 2012.
- Donor Recognition – Currently the communications bureau prepares over 300 customized landowner donation news releases annually. These news releases are done in preparation for the annual Gift to Iowa Landowner Recognition Day at the capitol as well as to acknowledge locally the landowner's gift. There is also an ongoing feature in the DNR Iowa Outdoor's Magazine where these donations appear. We have not, however, historically done something similar with cash gifts and we are now prepared to issue customized news releases for any significant cash gift. We will likely define that as any gift of \$5-\$10K or more. Smaller donations of equipment, supplies, cash, etc. are captured twice annually and issued as statewide news releases. All donors receive a letter. Finally, we're still in the process of working out how to publicize volunteer time donations. We hold an annual recognition event for those volunteers, and many park managers and supervisors also hold events, but we will be working with the volunteer services group to add the public recognition piece as well in the future.
- Reminder that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual meeting will be held at Honey Creek Resort State Park June 26-29. We have a jam-packed agenda and many thanks must go to Lisa Nissen, Dale Garner, and a whole host of others for their work in putting the agenda together. <http://mafwa.org/2011meeting/index.html>

**NRC Chairperson, Gregory Drees**

- Made a statement on behalf of the commission in appreciation of the hard work and dedication Deputy Director Pat Boddy has shown during her tenure at the DNR. She has accepted the position of Director of Environmental Strategies with RDG Planning and Design and will be resigning from her position as Deputy Director at the end of June.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>
• Attorney Chuck Becker	Park Green, LLC	Sioux Center area Shooting Range
• Gregg Hooyer	Park Green, LLC & Self	Sioux Center area Shooting Range
• Brenda Hooyer	Park Green, LLC & Self	Sioux Center area Shooting Range

**5. HONEY CREEK DESTINATION RESORT STATE PARK – MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE & ASSET MANAGER CONTRACT RENEWAL**➤ **Monthly Financial Update**

Asset Manager Geoff Baekey, Capital Hotel Management, Andy Woodrick, HCR General Manager, and Linda Caird, Central Group Company reviewed with the commission the HCR financials ending April 30, 2011, as well the 90 day forecast.

- April Actual vs. Flash
- Honey Creek Financial Performance – May Forecast
- Strategic Initiatives / Progress
- Operating Metrics
- STR Market Data
- Guest Satisfaction
- Sales and Marketing Update
- Golf Update
- 90-Day Forecast

➤ **Capital Hotel Management Contract Renewal**

The Commission is requested to approve the selection of Capital Hotel Management, LLC (CHM) of Beverly, MA, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 plus capped incentives, as the Asset Manager for Honey Creek Destination Resort State Park. Under the contract, CHM will continue to provide the duties of an asset manager for the Honey Creek Destination Resort State Park in a manner that would enable the Resort to become increasingly self sustaining and better positioned to make the required bond payments. The proposed contract will run for a term of one year, from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Despite the Department's exemption described in Iowa Code section 463C.17, related to bidding laws, the Department did seek requests for proposals from various firms last year in selecting CHM to serve as the Department's asset manager for nearly the last year. The Department did so to find well-qualified service providers in this industry. CHM was awarded the contract last year and has performed well under that contract, identifying a number of methods to increase the profitability of the Resort and ensuring the Department is knowledgeable about key management aspects of the Park.

The legislature continues to negotiate the budget which may have an impact on this item. Additional information will be presented at the meeting.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

**Discussion** – The commission discussed with DNR staff what if any variable fee options would be available under a new asset manager contract. Kelley Myers, DNR Legal advised the commission that the contract was broadly written and that she was currently working with the bond counsel to the bond authority to assure that any variable fees were appropriate. Commissioner Rettig asked how the Commission could be asked to vote on a contract that they have not been provided as it hasn't even been finalized.

**Decision** – Approved 6 Aye and 1 Nay (Rettig )

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

## 6. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS CONTRACT APPROVAL

### 6.1 ROCK CREEK STATE PARK - RV DUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT

#### Jasper County – Project #10-05-50-02

**Project Summary:** This project consists of demolition of a single existing RV dump station and surrounding pavement, replacement with two RV dump stations, concrete paving, storm water intakes, and construction of a rain garden. The plans have been reviewed by the Department's Parks Bureau, and all permits have been obtained.

**Function of the Project:** Rock Creek State Park currently has one dump station. It was decided to add an additional dump station. Due to Rock Creek's high use, exiting campers have been seen lined up as many as 10 long waiting to dump RV waste.

**Construction Needed:** Site drainage had to be corrected to prevent high volumes of rain water from draining from adjacent pavement into the dump station, creating a need for treatment of storm water. Treating storm water burdens sanitary treatment facilities so storm water must be prevented from entering a sanitary sewer system. Sanitary waste at Rock Creek is pumped to Central Iowa Water Association's treatment facility. Area pavement will be removed and graded to prevent rain water from entering the dump station. Curbs, gutters, and storm sewer intakes will be added to capture rain water and divert it to a rain garden, constructed on the site. The rain garden will measure 20'x40'. It is designed to capture 100% of a 1.25" (90% of all 24 hour rainfall events are less than 1.25") rain and infiltrate the entire volume into the ground within 24 hours. The rain garden will be seeded with native grasses.

**DNR Project Manager:** Jason Kruse, PE; Engineering Bureau  
**Designer:** Jason Kruse; Drafting by Bryce Ogea, Engineering Bureau  
**DNR Inspector:** Jason Kruse, PE; Engineering Bureau  
**Operating Bureau:** Parks  
**Funding Source:** I-Jobs1 (Capital Link 187)

**Cost Estimate:** \$85,000  
**Plans Issue Date:** 03/23/11  
**Plan Holders:** 7  
**Number of Bids Received:** 3

**Bidders**

Godby Land Improvements, LLC	Albia, Iowa	\$123,918.90
Hanson Construction, LLC	Clear Lake, Iowa	\$136,418.80
Jasper Construction Services, Inc.	Newton, Iowa	\$168,001.75

**IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to Godby Land Improvements, LLC.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Rettig  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**6.2 LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK - TWO GRADE STABILIZATION STRUCTURES**

**Johnson County – Project # 11-06-52-03**

**Project Summary:** The scope of this project involves constructing two grade stabilization structures.

**Function of the Project:** The NRCS has analyzed the Lake Macbride watershed and designed two structures to reduce the sediment flow into the lake. The first structure consists of soil stabilizing mats installed in an existing ravine. The second structure will be a sediment pond with a 3.3 acre permanent pool.

**Construction Needed:** In order to install the soil stabilization matting, the contractor will need to clear and re-grade the existing ravine, install the matting, then seed all disturbed areas. The matting will hold the soil in place during normal weather conditions until the grass is established. Then, the matting will increase the strength of the grass during heavy rainfall events. Construction of the sediment pond consists of clearing the pool and dam footprint and compacting earthfill. Seeding will occur on all disturbed areas outside of the normal pool.

**DNR Project Manager:** Heath Delzell; Engineering Bureau  
**Designer:** Bryce Ogea; Engineering Bureau  
**DNR Inspector:** Dave Heer; Engineering Bureau  
**Operating Bureau:** Fisheries  
**Funding Source:** 100% Lake Restoration (Capital Link 90)  
**Cost Estimate:** \$42,000  
**Plans Issue Date:** 05/23/11  
**Plan Holders:** 6  
**Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Bidders**

Connolly Construction, Inc.	Peosta, Iowa	\$53,397.50
Triple B Construction	Wilton, Iowa	\$61,934.70

**IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to Connolly Construction, Inc.**

<p><b>Motion</b> – Commissioner Francisco  <b>Seconded</b> – Commissioner Clement  <b>Decision</b> – Approved by Unanimous Vote</p>
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<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED</b>
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**6.3 SPIRIT LAKE - TEMPLAR LAGOON BOARDWALK****Dickinson County – Project # 09-01-30-01**

**Project Summary:** The scope of this project involves the construction of an 8' x 277' Wooden "Boardwalk" type handicap accessible fishing structure on the west side of Big Spirit Lake in Templar Lagoon, Dickinson County, IA. The plans have been reviewed by the Department's Fishing and Parks Bureaus, and all permits have been obtained.

**Function of the Project:** Templar Lagoon is a very popular spring fishing location for various species of fish on the southwestern portion of Big Spirit Lake. The issue is limited access around the perimeter and close proximity to private property along the east side of the lagoon. Fisheries believes at a long narrow "boardwalk" type structure along the west side of the lagoon would not only be heavily used it would provide much needed handicap access and a limited amount of fishing structure to further improve the fishing in this location.

**Construction Needed:** The structure will be 8' wide and has been bid in two lengths to determine the best value for fishing benefit. The base bid is for 207' of length which would include two bump-out locations for handicap accessible fishing. The bid alternate would extend the length by 70' for a total of 277' and 3 bump-out handicap fishing locations. The structure will be supported on 8"x8" wood piling and the deck will be constructed using 2"x12" stringers and 2"x6" decking. All of the lumber will be pressure treated to increase life expectancy. This contract will also include two new handicap accessible parking stalls in the existing parking lot and a handicap accessible sidewalk from the parking lot to the boardwalk.

<b>DNR Project Manager:</b>	Jeff Felts, PE; Engineering Bureau
<b>Designer:</b>	Colin Schroeder; Engineering Bureau
<b>DNR Inspector:</b>	Jeff Felts, PE; Engineering Bureau
<b>Operating Bureau:</b>	Fisheries
<b>Funding Source:</b>	100% F&W Trust – Fisheries Non-Habitat Stamp; (Capital Link 26 with remaining from FY12)
<b>Cost Estimate:</b>	Base Bid \$76,859.00 - Bid with Alternate #1 \$99,059.00
<b>Plans Issue Date:</b>	04/18/11
<b>Plan Holders:</b>	7
<b>Number of Bids Received:</b>	1



Boyd Construction LLC

Leon, IA  
Omit Deck  
Second Cabin

Base Bid \$170,000.00  
Bid Alternate #1 \$6,500.00  
Bid Alternate #2 \$150,000.00

**IDNR recommends awarding the Base Bid, including no Alternates, to Vieco Construction.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco

**Seconded** – Commissioner Rettig

**Discussion** – *\*NOTE* Corrected Funding – Nine Eagles Friends Group to provide \$50,000 and the remaining balance to be funded from DNR REAP Open Spaces.

The commission expressed concern over the high bid amount and asked for explanation from staff. Don Labate explained that because it is a state facility there are additional building and inspection requirements that must be met. Commissioner Francisco asked about utilizing prefabricated structures vs. building the cabins. Diane Ford explained that they had reviewed prefabricated models, but it was determined that these types of structures do not hold up to commercial standards and would cost as much or more to install/attach to foundation and meet state requirement standards.

**Decision** – Approved 6 Aye and 1 Nay (Prickett)

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**6.5 RED ROCK WMA - RED ROCK N-HQ REMODEL**

**Marion County -- Project # 11-05-63-05**

**Project Summary:** The scope of this project involves the construction of an 18’ X 48’ addition to an existing shop building on the north side of Lake Red Rock in Marion County, IA. The plans have been reviewed by the Department’s Wildlife Bureau, and all permits have been obtained.

**Function of the Project:** Existing shop building has no space for an office; the computer on site is housed in a cabinet in the corner of the shop and is exposed to dust and airborne matter consistent with its use as a shop. The addition will eliminate this problem and create office space for staff at the Wildlife Headquarters, as well as restroom facilities and space for meeting areas to allow staff to develop management plans for the Red Rock Wildlife Area. This project was designed to match the existing architecture.

**Construction Needed:** The structure will be 18’ X 48’ and has been designed to allow the best value for benefit by Wildlife staff. The structure will be constructed using concrete for walls and floors, which will be more durable than wood or steel frame construction. This contract will also include a handicapped accessible restroom facility and a septic system which has never existed at the site.

- DNR Project Manager:** Ken Jackson; Engineering Bureau
- Designer:** Ken Jackson; Engineering Bureau
- DNR Inspector:** Jason Kruse, P.E., Engineering Bureau
- Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** 100% F&W Trust – Wildlife Non-Habitat Stamp  
 (Capital Link - none)  
**Cost Estimate:** Base Bid \$80,000.00  
**Plans Issue Date:** 04/18/11  
**Plan Holders:** 7  
**Number of Bids Received:** 1

**Bidders**

Vieco Development & Construction                      Coralville, Iowa                      Base Bid \$121,328.00

**IDNR recommends rejection of the sole bid.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Rettig motioned to reject the bid received.  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**ITEM BID REJECTED**

**6.6 BIG CREEK STATE PARK - SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION**

**Polk County -- Project # 11-02-77-04**

**Project Summary:** This project consists of rehabilitating the existing wastewater collection system at Big Creek State Park. The scope of the project includes in-situ lining of the collection pipe, digging and point repairing the pipe at several places where pipe has collapsed and cannot be lined and rehabilitation of the manholes by either grouting, readjusting the frames or in some cases replacing the manholes.

**Function of the Project:** The wastewater collection system on the east side of Big Creek State Park has a huge inflow/infiltration (I/I) problem. This I/I entering the system is directed to the existing lift stations which pump it to the existing lagoons. Despite the park’s restroom facilities being shut off during the winter of 2009 – 2010, the lagoons filled up to capacity prior to the spring 2010 operating season. To solve this problem of clear water entering the gravity sewers, IDNR hired a contractor to televise the east side collection system and to identify defects that led to the I/I problem. The scope of this project is to fix the defects and remove I/I to admissible levels.

**Construction Needed:** The east side gravity sewer will be rehabilitated by in-situ lining, digging and point repairing the pipe at some places. The manholes that need rehabilitation will be either grouted or the frames adjusted as has been identified in the televising report.

**DNR Project Manager:** Mike Hameed, PE; Engineering Bureau  
**Designer:** Stanley Consultants  
**DNR Inspector:** Don Labate, PE; Engineering Bureau  
**Operating Bureau:** Parks  
**Funding Source:** 100% I-JOBS1 (Capital Link 187)



**Plan Holders:** 18  
**Number of Bids Received:** 9

**Bidders**

Langman Construction, Inc	Rock Island, IL	\$1,142,519.20
Valley Construction Company	Rock Island, IL	\$1,144,790.00
Peterson Contractors Inc	Reinbeck, IA	\$1,147,858.05
JB Holland Construction	Decorah, IA	\$1,152,609.65
Foley Construction Company	Davenport, IA	\$1,179,428.75
Merryman Excavation Inc	Woodstock, IL	\$1,259,340.00
Connolly Construction Inc	Peosta, IA	\$1,275,932.14
Brandt Construction Co	Milan, IL	\$1,346,523.90
Lester Construction Inc	Rock Island, IL	\$1,541,278.50

**IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to Langman Construction, Inc.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Schemmel  
**Discussion** – Commissioner Prickett asked what the tax implication would be to the state of Iowa if the project were to be awarded to the lowest bidding Iowa firm vs. the lowest bidder which is out of state. Commissioner Rettig explained that by Iowa Code it is a requirement to award the project to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder and that their location cannot be considered. The Legislature and Governor would have to change that requirement. Don Labate explained that by law the only time a project may be awarded to an Iowa firm over another firm is if they are tied as the lowest bidder. Commissioner Underwood inquired what fish diversity would come from this project. Michelle Wilson explained that this is a new lake and once filled would need to be stocked. Joe Larscheid, DNR Fisheries Bureau Chief and Martin Konrad, DNR Fisheries explained that the lake would be stocked with; bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish, black crappie, redear sunfish, and muskellunge. They then explained how the project fits into the master lake restoration program plan. Commissioner Underwood then asked about the management plan for the lake fish habitat. Martin Konrad explained that for the most part the structures to be installed would be self sustaining; however monitoring would be conducted periodically.  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**6.8 MINI-WAKAN STATE PARK - HISTORIC LODGE RESTORATION**

**Dickinson County -- Project # 11-01-30-04**

**Project Summary:** The scope of this project involves the renovation and restoration of the Mini Wakan Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) Shelter located on the north shore of Big Spirit Lake in Dickinson County.

**Function of the Project:** The Mini Wakan Shelter was constructed in the mid 1930’s by the CCC as a bath house and open air shelter on the north beach of Big Spirit Lake. Through a variety of changes including the loss of the beach, change in use patterns, and lack of maintenance, the structure has degraded significantly and is currently unusable as a shelter. Since this structure has a very rich history attached to it, the local friends group has been working toward a renovation/restoration project since the early 1990’s. Funding issues have prevented this work until recently when a combination of committed DNR funds and monies raised by the friends group were obligated to cover the cost of the improvements.

**Construction Needed:** The intended use of the structure will shift from a bath house/open air shelter type building to a fully enclosed and functional lodge. A separate building will be constructed adjacent to the existing building to provide modern restrooms and a storage area without affecting the layout of the existing CCC structure. The CCC structure will receive a complete facelift with new floors, doors, windows, and a functional kitchen space. The roof will be removed and replaced with period correct materials and the existing stone will be tuck pointed and repaired to its original condition. Because this building is a historic CCC building, it will follow CCC architectural requirements, in keeping with the new Parks Design Guide philosophy. A tent pad constructed from concrete will also be added adjacent to the building to allow for larger events.

- DNR Project Manager:** Butch Doorenbos, Engineering Bureau
- Designer:** Todd Garner, Substance Architecture
- DNR Inspector:** Jeff Felts, PE, Engineering Bureau
- Operating Bureau:** Parks
- Funding Source:** 75% I-Jobs2 – 25% Donations/Fund Raising (Capital Link 196)
- Cost Estimate:** \$477,848.50
- Plans Issue Date:** 5/13/2011
- Plan Holders:** 7
- Number of Bids Received:** 3

**Bidders**

Wilcon Construction	Saint James, MN	\$442,400.00
Christensen Construction & Design Co	Estherville, IA,	\$535,000.00
Vieco Development & Construction Co. Inc	Coralville, IA	\$674,600.00

**IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to Wilcon Construction.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Rettig  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**6.9 LAKE DARLING STATE PARK - 2 SHOWER BUILDING FOUNDATIONS AND STUBBED UTILITIES**

**Washington County -- Project # 11-06-92-04**

**Project Summary:** The scope of this project involves the demolition of two shower buildings and the construction of two foundations for precast concrete shower buildings.

**Function of the Project:** The campground at Lake Darling is to be renovated while the lake is down. This is the first step for this multi-phase project. The existing shower buildings have outlived their design life and are currently in need of repairs. This project will remove the buildings and build the foundations for the new shower buildings. CARR Concrete, a Virginia based company, hold the contract for building and setting precast concrete shower buildings and restrooms. They will be delivering the shower buildings in July.

**Construction Needed:** Both shower buildings will be demolished, including the foundations. The new footings will be constructed below the frostline. Within the pad, underground plumbing will be installed. After the building is set, the contractor is responsible for placing a concrete sidewalk around the building.

- DNR Project Manager:** Heath Delzell; Engineering Bureau
- Designer:** Bryce Ogea; Engineering Bureau
- DNR Inspector:** Dave Heer; Engineering Bureau
- Operating Bureau:** Parks
- Funding Source:** 100% I-Jobs (Capital Link-none)
- Cost Estimate:** \$64,000
- Plans Issue Date:** 05/23/11
- Plan Holders:** 5
- Number of Bids Received:** 1

**Bidders**

Bi-State Contracting	West Burlington, IA	\$120,489.99
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**IDNR recommends rejection of the sole bid.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Schemmel  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**ITEM BID REJECTED**

**7. SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTRACTS**

**The following projects have been let utilizing the Competitive Quotation process for projects \$100,000 or less:**

BID DATE	PROJECT	COUNTY	AREA	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	BIDS
5/5/11	11-05-04-15	Appanoose	Honey Creek Resort State Park	Boat Dock Electrical	\$50,000.00	<b>\$23,700.00</b>
						\$24,985.00
						\$35,945.00
						\$38,450.00
5/5/11	11-03-28-08	Delaware	Backbone State Park	Road repair	\$35,000.00	<b>\$16,461.00</b>
						\$35,208.95
						\$39,788.00
						\$41,810.00
5/19/11	05-05-91-02	Warren	Banner Wetland	Earth fill	\$15,000.00	<b>\$10,439.60</b>
						\$12,720.00
						\$13,060.00
						\$23,190.00
						\$23,604.80
						\$40,270.00

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**8. LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT APPROVAL**

**8.1 IOWA LAKE WETLAND COMPLEX – EMMET CO. – INHF**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the acquisition of a tract of land located 7 miles north of Armstrong next to the Minnesota border. This 185-acre parcel is offered by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for the appraised price of \$195,000.00. The tract is encumbered by a Wetlands Reserve Program easement.

Licensed appraiser, Steven K. Schmidt of Schmidt Appraisal Service, Spirit Lake, Iowa submitted the appraisal. The purchase agreement was negotiated by Jerry Gibson.

The subject tract contains 177.6 acres of cropland encumbered by a WRPE, and 7.12 acres of road right-of-way (Iowa Hwy. 15 and County Road A-16). There are 13 restored/enhanced wetlands that will provide excellent habitat for waterfowl. The tract has 17 acres of remnant prairie; 115 acres being seeded to native prairie species; 20 acres of marsh/wetlands; and 25 acres of restored wetlands. The Wildlife Bureau will manage the land in compliance with the Wetland Reserve Program easement specifications.

Acquisition funding will be \$145,000.00-Prairie Lakes V—NAWCA, and \$50,000.00 of Wildlife Habitat Stamp match for NAWCA. The property will remain on the Emmet Co. property tax rolls. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Prickett  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

### **8.2 MIDDLE RACCOON RIVER – GUTHRIE CO. – HAFNER**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the acquisition of a tract of land located two miles southeast of Panora adjacent to the Middle Raccoon River. This 11-acre tract is offered by Earl and Ronda Hafner for the appraised price of \$24,750.00.

Licensed appraiser, Brett J. Blanchfield, Blanchfield Appraisal Services, Des Moines, Iowa submitted the appraisal. The purchase agreement was negotiated by Jerry Gibson.

The property is adjacent to DNR land on the north and east boundaries. The tract consists of 11 acres of mature timber with access only from DNR land and the river. It will be managed as part of the Middle Raccoon River Protected Waters Complex.

Acquisition funding will be 100% REAP-Protected Waters, and thus will remain on the property tax rolls in Guthrie County. Incidental closing costs are the responsibility of the Department.

Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

**Motion** – Commissioner Rettig  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Schemmel  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

### **8.3 SEDAN BOTTOMS WMA – APPANOOSE CO. – INHF**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the purchase a tract of land located in Appanoose County adjacent east and north of state-owned and managed Sedan Bottoms Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) offers this 80-acre tract for the bargain price of \$84,000. The appraised price is \$87,000. INHF purchased the tract in late December 2010 at a price of \$78,660.

Darrell Limkeman, Licensed Appraiser of Ottumwa, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Rick Hansen negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located five miles southwest of Moulton in southeastern Appanoose County. The level to strongly sloping tract contains 76 acres enrolled in a permanent Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement (2006), 3 acres of grassland, and 1 acre of public road right of way. The tract is bisected by a small creek with level wetlands to the west and sparsely forested uplands to the east. One small metal grain bin will be razed from the property. Access is provided by a county gravel road along the west boundary.

This tract will be managed by the Wildlife Bureau for both migratory birds and upland game, and enhances outdoor recreation. A small parking lot will be constructed just south of the northwest corner of the property. This acquisition will increase the Sedan Bottoms WMA to 5,530 acres.

Acquisition funding will be \$84,000 from Wildlife Habitat Stamp. The tract will remain on the property tax rolls. No surveying or fencing costs is anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Clement  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**8.4 WILLOWS ACCESS WMA – HUMBOLDT CO. – LAUBENTHAL**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the purchase a tract of land located in Humboldt County adjacent to state-owned and managed Willows Access Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Sandra Laubenthal and family offer this 36-acre tract for the appraised price of \$102,000. Final payment will be based upon surveyed acres at \$2,810 per acre. The sellers will retain the CRP payment as may be earned through the contract expiration on September 30, 2013.

Fred Greder, Licensed Appraiser of Mason City, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Rick Hansen negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located adjacent southwest of Bradgate in west central Humboldt County. The level tract contains 22.4 acres of land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), 13.3 acres of forested and river oxbow, and balance in public road right of way. There are no building improvements. Willows Access WMA borders along the west side of the tract. The West Branch Des Moines River forms a portion of the southwest boundary of the property. Access is provided by a county road along a portion of the east boundary.

The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property for public hunting. This acquisition will allow for improved public access while increasing the Willows WMA to 120 acres.

Acquisition funding will be \$75,000 from Prairie Lakes 2 NAWCA (federal), and \$27,000 from Wildlife Habitat Stamp. The tract will remain on the property tax rolls. The Department will pay for a required land survey. No fencing cost is anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

**Motion** – Commissioner Prickett  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Schemmel  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**9. LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT APPROVAL**

**\*9.1 EASEMENT ISSUANCE – FIVE ISLAND LAKE – PALO ALTO CO.**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve issuance of a permanent easement, to Palo Alto County, IA, for additional right-of-way needed for a road paving project. The easement will consist of .062 acres of additional right-of-way.

The County has estimated the value of the acquisition to be \$471.61 based on a per acre value of \$7606.56. This value was calculated by comparing the CSR of the property to that of recent land sales in the county. At the request of DNR Wildlife staff, the County has agreed to supply rock for a DNR project in an amount equal to \$471.61 in lieu of payment.

Staff recommends issuance of the easement.

**APPROVED BY CONSENT**

**9.2 INTERAGENCY TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION – I-29 MONONA CO. – IOWA DOT**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a “Real Estate Agreement and Interagency Transfer of Jurisdiction”, from DNR to DOT, to accommodate a project for improvement at the corner of Interstate 29 and 140th Street, Monona County, Iowa. This improvement project is located approximately 9 miles north of Onawa. Consideration for this permanent transfer of jurisdiction is \$1,500.00 for 0.75 acres.

Said real estate agreement and interagency transfer of jurisdiction is duly authorized by Chapter 28E and Section 306.4 of the Iowa Code.

Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**9.3 MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – SWISS VALLEY AREA – DUBUQUE**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a renewal of a management agreement between the Dubuque County Conservation Board and the DNR to authorize County management of Swiss Valley Area through December 31, 2036.

Swiss Valley Area is an 18 acre area located southwest of Dubuque off Highway 20 west or Highway 151 south. It is home for a park and nature preserve and center. The park was named for the original settlers of the area. Complete picnic areas along the rocky creek banks, a

playground, and sports fields, in addition to modern camping sites with shower and restroom facilities makes Swiss Valley a truly family-oriented recreation area.

The preserve features a nature center containing interpretive displays concerning the wildlife, ecology, and natural history of the Swiss Valley area. The center also houses the administrative office of the Dubuque County Conservation Board. More than 10 miles of self-guiding nature and hiking trails radiate outward from the center through the forest, prairie, and wetland areas. The Catfish Creek, which meanders through the preserve, is stocked with trout by the Iowa DNR each year, providing many hours of fishing for anglers.

Dubuque desires to continue its management. The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

**Motion** – Commissioner Schemmel  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Prickett  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**\*9.4 CHAPTER 18 LEASE – TRIBOJI BEACH – DICKINSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve, for submission to the Iowa Executive Council for final approval, renewal of a lease with George and Mary Wandling for a portion of the dedicated public land at Triboji Beach.

The lease area consists of a parcel 6 feet in frontage by 3 feet in depth, adjacent to Lots 16 and 17, Block A, Triboji Beach, Dickinson County. The leased area is occupied by a concrete block storage and pump building. The site has been under lease since 1987.

The proposed lease will be for a five year period. The annual fee is \$150.00 with a condition that the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees.

Staff recommends approval of the lease.

**APPROVED BY CONSENT**

**\*9.5 CHAPTER 18 LEASE – MISSISSIPPI RIVER – SCOTT CO.**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve, for submission to the Iowa Executive Council for final approval, renewal of a lease with BP Products North America Inc. in Bettendorf, Iowa.

The lease area consists of a portion of the bed of the Mississippi River where three barge mooring and locating cells are being used for the handling of petroleum products. The area occupies approximately 100 feet in depth by 150 feet of frontage.

The area is located at Mississippi River Mile 487.1 in Scott County, Iowa. The area has been under lease since 1989.

The proposed lease will be for a five year period. The annual fee is \$938.00 with a condition that the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The administrative fee is \$168.84.

Staff recommends issuance of the lease.

**APPROVED BY CONSENT**

**9.6 BARGE FLEETING LEASE – MISSISSIPPI RIVER – DUBUQUE CO.**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 Lease No. 29-R with American River Transportation Company of Decatur, Illinois.

The location is described as a portion of the bed of the Mississippi River including approximately 1600 feet of frontage by 210 feet of depth located at Mississippi River Mile 576.50 located in Section 5, Township 88 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa.

This area has been under a barge fleeting lease since 1982.

A Public Notice was printed locally. No comments were received.

The annual fee is \$10,684.80 and will be increased annually based on the percentage increase of the consumer price index. The term of the lease will be five years.

Staff recommends issuance of the lease.

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Francisco  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**\*10. 28E INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – WEBSTER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

The Commission is requested to approve a one year contract amendment for \$22,584.58 to the Webster County Conservation Board for the shared part-time naturalist aide for Stewardship Education and Conservation Literacy.

In 2005, the Department of Natural Resources entered into the first 28E Intergovernmental Agreement with Webster County Conservation Board to share a part-time position providing stewardship education and conservation literacy services in Webster County. This position's time is split between working with the Webster County Conservation Board Naturalist and providing programming and educational services for Brushy Creek State Recreation Area and Dolliver Memorial State Park.

This has been a successful partnership with the Webster County Conservation Board. Numerous programs and new special events have been initiated at both the state park and recreation area including year round exposure of recreational activities which was not previously in place. We are asking to continue this partnership with the original agreement conditions for one additional year as the Department and the Webster County Conservation Board discuss a potential longer term agreement and new conditions.

**APPROVED BY CONSENT**

**11. CULTURAL RESOURCE EVALUATION CONTRACT WITH ISU – AMENDMENT # 2**

The Department requests Commission approval of Amendment No. 2 to a Contract with Iowa State University to perform cultural resource evaluations of DNR properties. This amendment will extend our contract with ISU for one year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. The Contract shall be for up to \$50,000, which is an increase over the original contract amount of \$35,000. This increase will cover the costs of Phase II or Phase III surveys in the unlikely event these types of surveys are needed for project approval.

DNR is required to evaluate potential impacts to cultural resources as a condition of using federal aid funding and to comply with our agreement with the State Historical Society of Iowa. This agreement ensures that DNR complies with state and federal regulations regarding cultural resources. Information derived from these evaluations is used by area managers to protect and avoid impacting cultural resources that may be present on DNR properties.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco motioned to approve both items #11 and #12 as they are so similar in nature.

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**12. CULTURAL RESOURCE EVALUATION CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSITY OF IOWA – AMENDMENT NO. 2**

The Department requests Commission approval of Amendment No. 2 to a Contract with the University of Iowa to perform cultural resource evaluations of DNR properties. This amendment will extend our Contract with the University of Iowa for one year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. The contract shall be for up to \$75,000 which is the same amount as the original contract.

DNR is required to evaluate potential impacts to cultural resources as a condition of federal aid funding and to comply with our agreement with the State Historical Society of Iowa. This agreement ensures that DNR complies with state and federal regulations regarding cultural resources. Information derived from these evaluations is used by area managers to protect and avoid impacts to any cultural resources that may be present on DNR properties.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco motioned to approve both items #11 and #12 as they are so similar in nature  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**13. AGREEMENT WITH IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY - RESEARCH STUDIES**

The Commission is requested to approve the annual agreement with Iowa State University for base funding and for research studies to be conducted through the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit in FY 2012.

**Wildlife Component**

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|---|--------------------|
| 1) Lead in Species of Greatest Conservation Need: Free-flying Bald Eagles as Indicators (SWG funded)  | \$129,558          |
| 2) Genetic Analysis of White-tailed Deer Population Structure in IA: Identifying Potential Patterns and Rates of Disease Spread (CWD grant/FW Trust Fund) | \$107,863          |
| 3) Multiple Species Inventory & Evaluation of the MSIM Program at Iowa State University (SWG & License Plate funded)                                      | \$1,055,665        |
| 4) Breeding Bird Atlas (License Plate funded)   | \$ 42,000          |
| 5) Base Funding   | <u>\$ 20,000</u>   |
| <b>Total Wildlife Component</b>   | <b>\$1,355,086</b> |

**Fisheries Component**

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1) Base Funding                  | <u>\$ 20,000</u> |
| <b>Total Fisheries Component</b> | <b>\$ 20,000</b> |

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Clement  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**\*14. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF IOWA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.**

The Commission is asked to approve an agreement between the Department and Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU) for support of waterfowl and wetland habitat restoration activities in Saskatchewan, Canada. The agreement is in the amount of \$32,500 which represents 15% of annual revenue generated from the Iowa migratory bird fee (i.e., State Duck Stamp) which is required in order to hunt waterfowl in Iowa. This agreement has been in place nearly every year since the duck stamp fee was established.

**APPROVED BY CONSENT**

**15. 2011 DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE HUNTS**

A list of special hunts to be held in Deer Population Management Zones in 2011 is attached. The commission is requested to approve the list as required in department administrative rules 571-Chapter 105. The list includes zones to be open to hunting, season dates, legal weapons, license types and quotas and other information required in chapter 105. Representatives from all of the cities on the list have indicated by letter that they do want to be included in the list of special hunts.

There will be hunts at 52 different locations. Some of these have multiple hunts in a year. Thirty hunts are at state or county parks or other federal or private refuges. Twenty one are urban hunts. New areas this fall include the city of Keokuk and Stone State Park. Several parks including Lake Darling, Bellevue, Maquoketa Caves, Palisades Kepler and Jones County Central Park will not be holding hunts this fall. Creston, Pella and the Lake Panorama association have opted to not have a special hunt. Iowa City has not requested to remove deer this year.

Table 1. The number of licenses, reported kill and type of deer killed on all of the special hunts in 2010-2011.

<b>Licenses</b>	<b>Reported Harvest</b>	<b>Success Rate</b>	<b>Percent Does</b>	<b>Percent Antlerless</b>
5,576	2,591	47%	84%	98%

**Motion** – Commissioner Clement  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Decision** – Approved 6 Aye and 1 Abstention (Rettig – because she is a Johnson County Board of Supervisor Member a participating county.)

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

## 16. CHAPTER 106, DEER HUNTING BY RESIDENTS

The Commission is requested to rescind their approval of the NOIA to amend Chapter 106 that was presented at the May 12, 2011 meeting and to instead approve this NOIA to amend Chapter 106, "Deer Hunting by Residents," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments modify the hunter orange requirement for blinds during the shotgun season so that the visible orange is a minimum size not a shape. The amendments also clarify that antlerless deer are tagged on a leg but antlered deer are tagged on the main beam of the antler. This change will keep the tag from pulling off accidentally during transport.

**Motion(1)** – Commissioner Clement motioned to rescind the previous motion made by the commission at the May 12, 2011 NRC meeting.

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

**Discussion** – Commissioner Rettig asked for clarification what the difference was between the motions made at the May meeting to the current NOIA request. Dale Garner explained that the amendment made to the preamble at the May meeting stating that comments regarding deer quotas would be accepted during the public comment period and that those quotas may change in the final rule was not approved by the Governor's Office.

**Roll Call Vote on Motion(1):**

Commissioner Clement – Aye

Commissioner Drees – Aye

Commissioner Francisco – Nay

Commissioner Prickett – Aye

Commissioner Rettig – Nay

Commissioner Schemmel – Nay

Commissioner Underwood – Aye

**Decision** – Approved 4 Aye and 3 Nay

**Motion(2)** – Commissioner Clement motioned to approve the new NOIA on Chapter 106.

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

**Roll Call Vote on Motion(2):**

Commissioner Clement – Aye

Commissioner Drees – Aye

Commissioner Francisco – Nay

Commissioner Prickett – Aye

Commissioner Rettig – Nay

Commissioner Schemmel – Aye

Commissioner Underwood – Aye

**Decision** – Approved 5 Aye and 2 Nay

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**\*17. CHAPTER 88: FISHING TOURNAMENTS (RESCISSION)**

The Department requests Commission approval of the Final version of Chapter 88, which is a complete rescission of the chapter. The Department's fishing tournament rules are now included in the new Chapter 44 ("Special Events and Fireworks Displays"), which the NRC approved last month.

By staff oversight, Chapter 88 was not brought before the NRC last month with the other chapters being rescinded and transferred to Chapter 44.

A Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on March 9, 2011 and a public hearing was held on March 30, 2011. No Comments were received and no one attended the hearing.

<b>APPROVED BY CONSENT</b>
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**18. BRASS BLUEGILL AWARD**

Each year we at DNR sponsor an award honoring an individual for their efforts in helping our citizens become skilled anglers and advocates of fishing and natural resource conservation. This year we are recognizing Larry Stott, Waukon East Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science and Math teacher.

Stott has developed an outstanding *Fish Iowa!* Program for his 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Although he has been involved with *Fish Iowa!* for just the past decade, he has been teaching and incorporating the outdoors for 38 years. He also has been a hunter education instructor for most of his career and a boater education instructor for the past several years.

Beyond the classroom experiences, Stott also established and runs the Conservation Club at Waukon East Elementary, which meets two hours each week. Activities include fishing trips, testing local streams and ponds for IOWATER (volunteer water monitoring program), planting trees at their school and in the Yellow River Forest, designing, planting and maintaining a butterfly garden at their school, and building and setting up bluebird houses. The club is overwhelmingly popular and well-supported by parents and the community.

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**19. CONTRACT WITH MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BLUE LAKE, MONONA COUNTY, IOWA**

Commission approval is requested for an amendment to a service contract with MSA Professional Services of Ankeny, Iowa. The total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$231,797. DNR shall have the option to renew this contract as long as this contract and any extensions do not exceed a six-year period. This contract will be funded through the Lakes Restoration Program established under Iowa Code Section 456A.33B.

The purpose of the amendment is to provide the DNR with additional information related to nutrient and sediment loading sources researched as part of the original scope of work. The contract will begin on the date of commencement and terminate on August 15, 2012. Payment for the work performed by MSA Professional Services according to the terms of the Original Contract, including this amendment and any previous amendments, shall not exceed original contract amount of \$203,527 and amended amount of \$28,270 for a total not to exceed \$231,797.

Blue Lake is a Missouri River oxbow lake located in western Monona County three miles west of Onawa and three miles east of the Missouri River. The lake was an active channel of the Missouri River in 1804 when the Lewis and Clark expedition went through the area. The lake shoreline is now part of Lewis and Clark State Park. Blue Lake is impaired by excessive growth of algae, a lack of clarity caused by this algal growth, and non-algal turbidity. These problems combine to reduce the recreational use of the lake.

The parties entered into the original Contract to retain the Contractor to provide a diagnostic feasibility study and implementation plan for Blue Lake, Monona County as part of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Lake Restoration activities. The DNR intends to utilize the information gathered and analyzed in this Contract to manage this natural resource and allocate lake restoration funds most appropriately; use information gathered on sources of pollution in the watershed and loading calculations to develop a water quality improvement plan for Blue Lake; and provide support information for watershed planning. Blue Lake is one of the 35 significant public lakes prioritized for restoration. Lake Restoration Program guidelines recommend the department give priority for funding to active lake projects when progress toward completion of the project remains consistent with the goals of the program.

<p><b>Motion</b> – Commissioner Francisco <b>Seconded</b> – Commissioner Underwood <b>Decision</b> – Approved by Unanimous Vote</p>
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<p><b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED</b></p>
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**20. PUBLICLY OWNED LAKES PROGRAM WATERSHED ELIGIBILITY**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the priority list of watersheds above publicly owned lakes and reservoirs where private landowners are eligible to receive cost-share funding of up to 75 percent of the cost of approved permanent soil and water conservation practices in fiscal year 2011. In accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 571, Chapter 31, Public Owned Lakes Program the Commission establishes a priority list of watersheds above publicly owned lakes. The Department is responsible to make an annual recommendation to the Commission utilizing the criteria established in the rule. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship’s Division of Soil Conservation manages the Public Owned Lakes Program, which makes funds available to private landowners in the watersheds above the designated publicly owned lakes. Funds for the program come from appropriations to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

The following nine applications were submitted:

- Black Hawk Lake, Sac and Carroll Counties
- Big Creek Lake, Polk and Boone Counties
- Hawthorn Lake, Mahaska County
- Lake Geode, Des Moines and Henry Counties
- Prairie Rose Lake, Shelby County
- Twelve Mile Lake, Union County
- Union Grove Lake, Tama and Marshall Counties
- West Lake, Clarke County
- Williamson Pond, Lucas County

The applications were evaluated on their identification of locations within the watershed that contribute significant sediment to the lake and their plans for targeted installation of permanent soil conservation practices to reduce that sediment delivery. In accordance with the administrative rules, the Department has determined that all nine watersheds adequately meet the requirements for eligibility in fiscal year 2012:

Staff recommends approval of these nine watersheds for program eligibility.

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Rettig  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**21. DONATIONS**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the following donations:

<b>Donation to:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Donation Provided by:</b>
Ledges State Park	\$26.00	Funds toward park restoration at Ledges State Park	Hallie Johnson
Law Enforcement - Hunter Education Program	\$50.00	Ten gun cases to be used for the Hunter Education Program in Muscatine County	Lloyd and Dorothy Deahr, Country Store
Red Haw State Park	\$51.24	Funds for gravel mix Sakrete at Red Haw State Park	Scout Troop 149
Stephens State Forest Campground	\$85.24	Funds toward 6 gallons of table paint for Stephens State Forest campground	Joe Morrett, Scout Troop 149
Red Haw State Park	\$87.74	Fishing tackle for Red Bud Days Kid's Fishing Outing prizes at Red Haw State Park	Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle
Improvement in Lake Macbride State Park	\$392.00	Funds for concrete pad at Lake Macbride State Park campground host site	Ken and Norma Jacobs
Furharvester Education Program	\$430.00	2 dozen Duke 220 Conibear traps, 2 dozen Duke 1 ½ coil spring traps, 2 dozen bottles of raccoon lure for the Furharvester Education Program	Woodland Heights Practical Shooters, U.S. Practical Shooters Association
Lake Macbride State Park	\$1,507.21	Equipment use and culvert/ tile for Eagle Scout project for improvements to Lake Macbride State Park	Jay Proffitt, Jay Proffitt Construction

**Motion** – Commissioner Rettig motioned to approve item#21 with gratitude.  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Schemmel  
**Discussion** – Commissioner Underwood commented about the news article about donations that were recently made to McIntosh State Park. The article was published locally near both McIntosh Woods and Clear Lake State Parks and has generated a lot of interest to those who may want to donate or volunteer. She stated that this was a great way to get local citizens involved and interested in helping our state parks and encouraged the DNR Communications Bureau to continue with these great articles.  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

## **22. FY 2012 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROPOSED CAPITAL PLAN**

Attached for your approval is the FY12 Department of Natural Resources' proposed draft Capital Plan.

Funds from a number of sources are available in FY12 for land acquisition, open space development, infrastructure repair and construction (or development), and capital requirements of related grant programs.

The proposed spending plan has been developed per the Governor's Budget. This proposed draft plan will change depending on final appropriations from the Legislature.

<p><b>Motion</b> – Commissioner Underwood  <b>Seconded</b> – Commissioner Francisco  <b>Decision</b> – Approved by Unanimous Vote</p>
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<p><b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED</b></p>
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### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- Conrad Clement
  - None
- Commissioner Drees
  - None
- Commissioner Francisco
  - Presented to the commission for consideration a copy of an unadopted draft letter he wrote requesting the Governor reconvene the Deer Study Advisory Committee.
- Commissioner Prickett
  - None
- Commissioner Rettig
  - Recently attended the Pigman Triathlon in the Pleasant Creek area and commented on the condition of the state park and the reality that not all areas within the park are being mowed due to budget cuts.
- Commissioner Schemmel
  - None
- Commissioner Underwood
  - Attended the May 24<sup>th</sup> Mourning Dove Public hearing
  - State Park Design Guide Update – Final should be complete in a couple months.
  - Volunteers for State Park Foundation – There was a request for two NRC members to volunteer to serve on the foundation. Commissioners Underwood and possibly Prickett volunteered.

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**UPCOMING NRC MEETING DATES:**

- 7/13/11 – Commission Planning & Education Session, 10:00am-3:00pm start time at:  
DNR Air Quality Office  
7900 Hickman Road  
Windsor Heights, IA 50322
- 7/14/11 – Henry Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, 8:30am start time

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Francisco to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Schemmel. Approved by Unanimous Vote. With no further business to come before the Natural Resource Commission, Chairperson Drees adjourned the meeting on June 9, 2011 at 3:04p.m.*

**APPROVED – MEETING ADJOURNED**

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