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OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

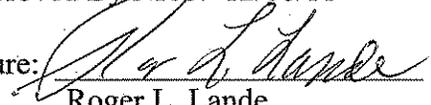
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**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
HENRY WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by the NRC Chair, Greg Drees, on 11/10/11 at 9:33 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

- Dennis Schemmel, Secretary

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Rettig with amendment to remove items 13.2 and 13.3 from the consent agenda.  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF 10/18/11 NRC PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**4. HONEY CREEK RESORT STATE PARK UPDATE**

Chuck Corell, Conservation and Recreation Division Administrator, presented information regarding the budget, business status, and a fraudulent incident Central Group uncovered and reported in October. One of the employees on the sales team was managing the system to add credits to her private credit card account, instead of the Honey Creek Resort account, for approximately \$2,200 between August and October. The employee did not show up for a scheduled meeting and, shortly thereafter, turned herself into the Sheriff's office and promised restitution. The Sheriff's office and County Attorney are exploring the criminal side of the incident. The insurance policy will cover all but the \$500 deductible and when restitution is received, the insurance company will be reimbursed. The periodic audits would have uncovered the error, but to avert incidents such as this, Central Group has adjusted their practices and every night the individual client accounts are being reconciled by a manager.

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**5. 28E AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ANAMOSA**

The Department requests the Commission approval to enter into an agreement to allow Anamosa Police Department to assist the DNR with law enforcement coverage of Wapsipinicon State Park. Wapsipinicon State Park is a 400 acre park directly adjacent to the city limits of Anamosa. Our current staffing circumstances do not include a certified DNR peace officer at Wapsipinicon State Park. The city of Anamosa recognizes that safety and security in the State Park are contiguous with the safety and security of its citizens. The current legal authority for the city of Anamosa to participate in law enforcement at Wapsipinicon State Park is only to the explicit extent that they are requested. Without a specific request from the DNR staff, they are not authorized to make their own cases or perform routine patrols in the park. This agreement would extend their jurisdiction to include the contiguous boundaries of the park. This agreement is not binding the state to any fee for this service. The success of this agreement will be based on open and effective communication between staff and the city for how best to meet the safety and security needs of the park.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

Discussion: Staff provided information that there is no compensation involved in this agreement and any liability falls under the State tort act. Other parks that use local police are normally in or near city limits, otherwise county law enforcement provide assistance.

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**\*6. 28E COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF MINI-WAKAN STATE PARK**

DNR is requesting Commission approval for a 28E cooperative agreement with the Friends of Mini-Wakan State Park, which is a committee of Spirit Lake Protective Association. The Friends of Mini Wakan was formed to raise funds to support restoration of the CCC shelter into an enclosed rental lodge at the park. This project also includes the restoration of the stone portal and lakeside steps; construction of a separate modern restroom/open shelter adjacent to the historic building; a year-round unisex restroom at the boat ramp; and an expansion and improvement of the ramp and lodge parking area. The Friends Group achieved their funding through private donations and grants from the: Iowa Historic Society, Okoboji Foundation, and Dickinson County Preservation. The Friends of Mini-Wakan will contribute up to \$300,000 and the DNR has \$500,000 programmed from IJOBS and Parks and Institutional Road Fund for this project. The DNR is responsible for the design documents, bid letting, and construction inspection. The NRC approved the award of the construction contract last month.

**CARRIED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. CONTRACT WITH LAKE IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION FOR DREDGING AT STORM LAKE**

The Department requests Commission approval of a contract with the Lake Improvements Commission (LIC), Buena Vista County, Iowa. The LIC is a nonprofit corporation pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 504 and the DNR recognizes the creation and governance of the LIC, as defined by the Articles of Agreement established under Joint Agreement #024020 filed with the Buena Vista County Recorder. The contract will begin on November 30, 2011, and terminate on June 30, 2013. The total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$1,000,000. 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 funding amount is reflected in the FY12 Lake Restoration program budget. This contract will be funded through the Lake Restoration Program as one of the significant public lakes prioritized for restoration. Lake Restoration Program

guidelines recommend the Department give priority for funding to active lake projects so long as progress toward completion of the project remains consistent with the goals of the program. The LIC is in the final stages of a multi-year dredging project and this is a planned continuation of that project. The goal of the project is to increase lake mean water depth and improve the lake water quality. The parties propose to enter into this contract for the purpose of reimbursing the LIC for continued and planned lake dredging operations at Storm Lake (Buena Vista County). This Agreement is made pursuant to statutory authority granted to the parties pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E (2009). The DNR and the LIC enter into this agreement pursuant to a program established under Iowa Code §456A.33B, LAKE RESTORATION PLAN AND REPORT, known as the State Lake Restoration Program.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood  
Discussion: Staff provided information that the contract overlaps for two years allowing flexibility in costs between dredging seasons. The local community is working with the 319 Grant Program regarding best management practices and are working to establish a watershed coordinator again. Commissioner response encouraged continued partnerships with local communities in watershed management and make sure legislators are reminded of the value of quality lakes and the funding that needs to be allocated to support quality lakes in Iowa.  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**8. CONTRACT WITH CITY OF EMMETSBURG FOR DREDGING AT FIVE ISLAND LAKE**  
Commission approval is requested for a contract with the City of Emmetsburg, Iowa. The contract will begin on November 30, 2011 and terminate on December 31, 2012. The total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$200,000 and the DNR shall have the option to renew this contract long as this contract and any extensions do not exceed a six-year period. This funding amount is reflected in the FY12 Lake Restoration program budget. Five Island Lake (Palo Alto County) is one of the significant public lakes prioritized for restoration. Lake Restoration Program guidelines recommend the department give priority for funding to active lake projects so long as progress toward completion of the project remains consistent with the goals of the program. The City of Emmetsburg is in the final stages of a multi-year dredging project and this is a planned continuation of that project. The goal of the project is to increase lake mean water depth and improve the lake water quality. The parties propose to enter into this Contract for the purpose of reimbursing the City of Emmetsburg for continued and planned lake dredging operations at Five Island Lake (Palo Alto County). This Agreement is made pursuant to statutory authority granted to the parties pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E (2009). The DNR and the City of Emmetsburg enter into this agreement pursuant to a program established under Iowa Code §456A.33B, LAKE RESTORATION PLAN AND REPORT, known as the State Lake Restoration Program.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood  
Discussion: Staff provided information that the local contribution is to match dollar for dollar.  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**9. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**  
**9.1 MCINTOSH WOODS ENTRANCE PORTAL**

**Cerro Gordo County, Project No. 10-03-17-05, Project Summary:** McIntosh Woods Entrance Portal, originally designed and built by the Civilian Conservation Corps., has fallen into disrepair over the past seventy years. Originally designed with monolithic blocks and constructed out of local limestone, the years of freeze/thaw periods, have caused it to delaminate and crumble. This project will utilize the original design to create the same look and feel of the original. A thick cast-in-place concrete wall will accept 4" stone veneer with to mimic the original solid masonry monument. **Function of the Project:** Provide McIntosh Woods with a new entry portal. **Construction Needed:** Demolition of current entry portal and erection of new entry portal through use of concrete, stone and fabricated wood products.

- DNR Project Manager:** Ryan Richey, Engineering Bureau
- Designer:** Ryan Richey, Engineering Bureau
- DNR Inspector:** Mel Pacovsky, Engineering Bureau
- Operating Bureau:** Parks
- Funding Source:** 100% REAP OS Acquisition & Development; FY 12 Cap Link 148
- Cost Estimate:** \$50,000.00
- Plans Issue Date:** 09/28/11
- Bid Letting Date:** 10/13/11
- Prime Plan Holders:** 2
- Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Bidders**

Larson Contracting Central LLC	Lake Mills, IA	\$69,652.00
Hanson Construction	Clear Lake, IA	\$76,500.00

**IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to Larson Contracting Central LLC.**

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

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**9.2 ROCK CREEK STATE PARK – DUMP STATION REPLACEMENT**

**Jasper County, Project No. 10-05-50-04, Project Summary:** This project will replace the existing degrading sewage dump station at Rock Creek State Park campground and replace with two parallel dump stations. This project was previously bid and a contract was offered to the low bid of \$123,918.90. The contract was refused and the contractor gave the reason he is quitting the construction business. **Function of the Project:** The project will improve the existing infrastructure in the campground by providing two improved lanes for camper sewage disposal. **Construction Needed:** Remove approximately 1300 square yards of existing pavement, replacing with 6" concrete. All appurtenances associated with the dump stations will be installed including all necessary utility hookups.

- DNR Project Manager:** Jason Kruse; PE, Engineering Bureau
- Designer:** Tom Gaffney; Engineering Bureau
- DNR Inspector:** Jason Kruse; PE, Engineering Bureau
- Operating Bureau:** Parks
- Funding Source:** 100% IJOBS 1; FY 12 Cap Link 214
- Cost Estimate:** \$125,000.00
- Plans Issue Date:** 09/15/11
- Bid Letting Date:** 10/20/11
- Plan Holders:** 14
- Number of Bids Received:** 9

**Bidders**

TK Concrete Inc	Pella, IA	\$135,123.58
Machin L.C.	Newton, IA	\$143,910.69
Hanson Construction LLC	Clear Lake, IA	\$144,418.80
Brycon LLC	Marshalltown, IA	\$159,386.00
Synergy Contracting LLC	Ankeny, IA	\$163,938.84
Jasper Construction Services Inc	Newton, IA	\$165,739.80
Neuvirth Construction Inc	Blair, NE	\$167,826.82
Two Rivers Group Inc	Altoona, IA	\$168,914.57
Wiedner Construction Inc	Marshalltown, IA	\$202,960.68

**IDNR recommends awarding the TK Concrete Inc****Motion** – Commissioner Underwood**Seconded** – Commissioner Clement

Discussion: Staff provided information that TK Concrete has done work for the Department before. Commissioner response encouraged the Department to communicate the “green” components being integrated into construction projects and coordinate with Communications to get this message on our website and out to the media and legislators to publicize and educate the public on these initiatives.

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote**CARRIED AS PRESENTED****9.3 SILVER LAKE – WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE AND FISH BARRIER IMPROVEMENTS**

**Worth County, Project No. 12-03-98-01, Project Summary:** This project is refurbishing the outlet at Silver Lake. Silver Lake is degraded and needs new, additional facilities for proper management. The new outlet structure will provide for easier adjustment of lake levels and incorporate a fish barrier.

**Function of the Project:** To provide for improved drainage and lake level management by incorporating a new drainage structure that is also designed to curb carp migration via the outlet channel. **Construction Needed:** The Silver Lake project shall consist of replacing the existing concrete spillway with precast reinforced concrete box culverts (RCBC) and stop logs. The lake will be drained by excavating an 800-foot long channel into the lake from the existing spillway location. The outlet channel shall also be excavated to accommodate a new water control structure (WCS). The WCS includes a steel catwalk, an aluminum fish barrier, stop logs and chain link fencing. A 100-foot wide emergency spillway will also be constructed, consisting of an earthen berm armored with geotextile and revetment stone. The project also consists of installing corrugated metal pipe culverts and a precast RCBC culvert for field accesses over the discharge channel.

**DNR Project Manager:** Mike Broderick; PE, Engineering Bureau**Designer:** Brent Johnson; PE, McClure Engineering Co.**DNR Inspector:** Mel Pacovsky; Engineering Bureau**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife**Funding Source:** 100% Duck Stamp; FY12 Cap Link 12**Cost Estimate:** \$240,885.00**Plans Issue Date:** 09/28/11**Bid Letting Date:** 10/20/11**Plan Holders:** 0**Number of Bids Received:** 7**Bidders**

Landwehr Construction Inc.	St. Cloud, MN	\$282,816.78
A1 Excavating & Drainage	Joice, IA	\$286,653.00
Reilly Construction	Ossian, IA	\$327,711.55
Ceres Environmental Services Inc.	Brooklyn Park, MN	\$334,676.39
Larson Contracting Central LLC	Lake Mills, IA	\$355,467.75
Minnowa Construction Inc.	Harmony, MN	\$406,266.00
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc.	Lake Mills, IA	\$437,032.20

**IDNR recommends awarding the bid to Landwehr Construction Inc.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Prickett

**Seconded** – Commissioner Francisco

Discussion: Staff provided information that this shallow lake project does not include outside watershed measures because the water level management is a method to work on water quality and it is common to have a small watershed for a small lake. Also, staff have no other knowledge that would preclude Landwehr Construction from being a responsible bidder. They are currently involved in a nearby project at Lost Island.

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**9.4 LAKE DARLING STATE PARK – CAMPGROUND GRADING AND UTILITIES**

**Washington County, Project No. 10-06-92-05, Project Summary:** This project is the first phase of the campground renovation project. This phase will improve the size, spacing, grade and utilities of the campsites in the campground. Also, it will replace the outdated water supply system throughout the park. The lake is currently drained for dam reconstruction and lakebed dredging. The goal for all major construction projects to be complete in time for the park campground to be opened and the lake to be filled by July 4<sup>th</sup>. **Function of the Project:** In the campground, water, sewer and electric utilities will be replaced. Camp pads will be repositioned and updated to our current size and shape to accommodate RV's and pop-up trailers. The water system throughout the park will be updated. **Construction Needed:** This project will require old water mains, campground electrical service and sewer services to be disconnected and abandoned. New PVC pipe will be installed parallel to the road with branches connecting to existing infrastructure. New electric, consisting of cable, camp posts, distribution panels and transformers, will be installed in the campground after the new camp pads are graded.

- DNR Project Manager:** Heath Delzell; Engineering Bureau
- Designer:** Alan Peterson, PE; McClure Engineering Co.
- DNR Inspector:** Dave Heer, PE; Engineering Bureau
- Operating Bureau:** Parks
- Funding Source:** 100% IJOBS2; FY12 Cap Link 226
- Cost Estimate:** \$925,000.00
- Plans Issue Date:** 10/06/11
- Bid Letting Date:** 10/25/11
- Plan Holders:** 24

**Number of Bids Received:** 8

**Bidders**

Shulzberger Excavating, Inc.	Muscatine, IA	\$561,304.50
Cornerstone Excavating, Inc.	Washington, IA	\$677,982.45
Fye Excavating, Inc.	Sperry, IA	\$712,540.07
DeLong Construction, Inc.	Washington, IA	\$714,000.00
Smith Seeding, Inc.	Eldridge, IA	\$788,254.82

Van Hauen Associates	Grimes, IA	\$835,835.00
Drish Construction, Inc.	Fairfield, IA	\$841,041.60
TK Concrete	Pella, IA	\$914,750.90

**IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to Shulzberger Excavating, Inc.**

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

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**9.5 LAKE AHQUABI STATE PARK – SHOWER BUILDING DEMOLITION AND UTILITIES**

**Warren County, Project No. 11-05-91-08, Project Summary:** This project will include the demolition of an existing shower building in the campground and a pit latrine. Pad construction and installation of utilities for the shower building replacement will be included. Paving of sidewalks and small ADA parking area at the shower building location will take place as well.

**Function of the Project:** The project will remove two aging buildings at the park and prepare the respective sites for replacement with precast concrete buildings to be placed when the sites are prepared.

**Construction Needed:** The complete demolition and removal of an existing shower building and pit latrine. Placement of rock foundation for future shower building along with placement and connection of water, sewer, and electric lines. Placement of Portland Cement Concrete for sidewalks and parking.

**DNR Project Manager:** Jason Kruse, PE, Engineering Bureau

**Designer:** Ben Smith; Engineering Bureau

**DNR Inspector:** Jason Kruse, PE; Engineering Bureau

**Operating Bureau:** Parks & Preserves

**Funding Source:** 100% IJOBS 2; FY12 Cap Link 228

**Cost Estimate:** \$50,000.00

**Plans Issue Date:** 10/21/11

**Bid Letting Date:** 11/03/11

**Plan Holders:** 6

**Number of Bids Received:** Bids to be open

**Bidders**

Bids to be open

**Engineering requests this item be moved to the Small Construction Projects agenda item because the low bid is under \$50,000.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Francsico moved to withdraw item 9.5 and move it to the Small Construction Projects information item.

**Seconded** – Commissioner Rettig

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**REVISED TO INFORMATION ITEM**

**10. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

**10.1 EMERSON BAY RECREATION AREA CAMPGROUND REDESIGN**

The Department has negotiated a Delivery Order under a master contract with McClure Engineering Company of Fort Dodge, Iowa for design services on the Emerson Bay Recreation Area Campground,

Dickinson County. Under this delivery order McClure Engineering (as the designer of the project) will be retained for the following services:

- Preliminary Design – Establish Project Objectives
- Conceptual Design – (Basic Confirmation of Layout & Site Geometry)
- Final Design – Bid Ready Plans & Technical Specifications
- Assistance with Bidding

This project is for the redesign and upgrade of the campground including pad layout, grading, water, sanitary sewer, electric, and storm sewer (culvert design). Compensation for the services provided under this Delivery Order will not exceed \$ 60,150 and has been described in detail in the Delivery Order contract. Funding: FY12 Parks appropriation, FY12 Cap Link 196. **IDNR recommends awarding the Delivery Order to McClure Engineering.**

Prior McClure Engineering Civil Services Delivery orders:

Silver Lake Outlet Design	\$23,350.00
Lake Darling Campground Electric & Water Improvements	\$37,750.00
Lake Darling Campground Road Concept	\$8,940.00
Lake Darling Campground Roadway Design	\$51,495.00
Stone State Park Road & Embankment Repair	\$12,525.00

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood

**Seconded** – Commissioner Francisco

Discussion: Staff provided information that this project was bid out due to engineering's level of capacity and contracting out projects like these will expedite project completion.

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

## 10.2 KELLERTON WILDLIFE NEW HEADQUARTERS

The Department has negotiated a Delivery Order under a master contract with KJWW Consultants of Des Moines, Iowa to assist Iowa DNR in preparing mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) designs and analysis for a headquarters building at Kellerton Wildlife Area, Ringgold County. This project consists of MEP designs based on the scope set out by the Wildlife and Engineering Bureau. Ryan Richey will be designing the architectural designs in house while KJWW will be providing engineering consulting for this new headquarters building in Kellerton, Iowa. This will be a headquarters (office space) and shop building to house equipment and vehicles. This will function as the main office area for the wildlife staff in the area as well as the maintenance shop for their associated equipment. The Department is currently in negotiation with KJWW on the compensation for their services provided under this Delivery Order.

**IDNR will make the recommendation on the NRC November 10, 2011 meeting**

Prior KJWW Delivery Orders:

Desjardins Renewable Project	\$79,032.00
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**Engineering has negotiated compensation for services not to exceed \$28,000.00 and recommend approval of the Delivery Order.**

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood

**Seconded** – Commissioner Rettig

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**11. 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
10/20/11	11-06-49-02	Jackson	Bellevue State Park	Kiosk and Sign	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
10/20/11	12-04-80-02	Ringgold	Mt. Ayr Hatchery	Replace Pond #2 Harvest Kettle	\$33,000.00	\$38,400.00

Addition (due to bid amount of item 9.5):

Bid Date	Project	County	Area	Description	Estimate	Bids
11/03/11	11-05-91-08	Warren	Lake Ahquabi State Park	Shower building demolition and foundations	\$50,000.00	<del>\$40,009.18</del> \$45,877.00

<b>INFORMATION ONLY</b>
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**12. LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS****12.1 MIDDLE RACCOON RIVER PWA – GUTHRIE CO. – WOODVINE**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Guthrie County adjacent to state-owned and managed Lenon Mills Wildlife Area. John Woodvine offers this 72-acre tract for the appraised price of \$300,000. The seller will retain the cropping rights for the 2012 crop year. The ancestors of John Woodvine have owned this property since the original patent in the mid-1800s. Brett Blanchfield, Licensed Appraiser of Des Moines, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Rick Hansen negotiated the purchase agreement. This aesthetic property is located 2 miles east and 3 miles south of Panora in east central Guthrie County. The nearly level to steeply sloped tract contains 45 acres of hardwood forested land, 25 acres of cropland, and 2 acres of public road frontage. The Middle Raccoon River forms the south boundary of the property, extending approximately 1,300 feet. There are no building improvements. Access is provided by a county gravel road (248th Trail) along the entire north boundary. The property will be managed for outdoor recreation, specifically hunting deer and turkey, as well as public access for fishing this aesthetic stream segment. The tract will be managed by the Wildlife Bureau. Acquisition funding will be \$165,000 from Wildlife Habitat Stamp, and \$135,000 from REAP Protected Waters Area. The property will remain on the tax rolls. No survey or fencing costs is anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

<p><b>Motion</b> – Commissioner Rettig  <b>Seconded</b> – Commissioner Prickett  <b>Decision</b> – Approved by Unanimous Vote</p>
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<b>CARRIED AS PRESENTED</b>
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**12.2 BIG MARSH WMA – BUTLER CO. – ASCHE & MCCANDLESS**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Butler County adjacent to state-owned and managed Big Marsh Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Larry Asche and Betty McCandless offer this 83-acre tract for the appraised price of \$147,325. William Burkle, Licensed Appraiser of Hampton, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Rick Hansen negotiated the

purchase agreement. This property is located 6 miles south of Allison in south central Butler County. The level tract contains 83 acres of bottomland forest. The West Fork Cedar River bisects the north 20 acres. There are no building improvements. Big Marsh WMA borders along the west side of the tract. Access is provided by a county gravel road at the southwest corner and a level B county road along the north boundary. The property will be managed for outdoor recreation, specifically hunting deer, turkey, and wood ducks. In addition, state endangered wood turtle populations have been documented on the property. This acquisition will increase the Big Marsh WMA to 4,580 acres. The tract will be managed by the Wildlife Bureau. Acquisition funding will be \$104,575 from Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$36,750 from REAP License Plate, and a \$6,000 donation from Whitetails Unlimited. The property will remain on the tax rolls. No survey or fencing costs is anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

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

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

### 12.3 HULL WMA – MAHASKA CO. – INHF

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the acquisition of a tract of land located adjacent to the South Skunk River approximately 5 miles Northwest of Oskaloosa. This 355.82-acre parcel is offered by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for \$340,000.00. The tract appraised for \$391,400.00, and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation acquired the tract May 26, 2011 for \$331,821.00. Licensed appraisers, Darrell R. Limkeman and William R. Duey of Mid States Farm Management Company, Ottumwa, Iowa submitted the appraisal. The purchase agreement was negotiated by Jerry Gibson. The subject tract has 331.82 acres encumbered by an Emergency Watershed Protection Program Floodplain easement; 11.8 acres of timber and riverbank; and 12.2 acres of water. An easement located at the Northeast corner of the tract running from Jena Avenue and 185th Street provides access to the property. The tract has been flooded frequently and will revert to river bottom timber and shallow water areas. There are no buildings. This tract is approximately 10 miles from the Hull Wildlife Management Area. Acquisition funding will be North American Wetland Conservation Act (Des Moines River Valley NAWCA)--\$340,000.00. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

**Motion** – Commissioner Rettig  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Francisco  
 Discussion: Staff provided information that this area will be managed under the wildlife management plan and confirmed the nearest wildlife area is Hull Wildlife Management Area.  
**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

### 12.4 LITTLE SIOUX WMA – CLAY CO. – INHF

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the acquisition of a tract of land located 2 miles northwest of Gillett Grove and 10 miles southeast of Spencer adjacent to the south side of the Little Sioux Wildlife Management Area. This 103-acre parcel is offered by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for the appraised price of \$381,300.00. Licensed appraiser, Greg Tritle of Vander Werff and Associates, Inc., Sanborn, Iowa submitted the appraisal. The purchase agreement was negotiated by Jerry Gibson. The subject property was acquired from Larry King, Inc. on September 8, 2010. The

subject tract has 21.4 acres of tillable land with an average CSR of 73; 35 acres of pasture; 38 acres of timber (12 acres of Oak savanna); 5.24 acres of open water; 2 acres of restorable wetlands; and 1.36 acres of road right-of-way. There are no buildings. The tract is adjacent to the south side of existing state land, and will add to an existing 2,000 acre complex that currently exists along the Little Sioux River corridor. Acquisition funding will be \$300,000 from the North American Wetland Conservation Act and \$81,300 from Wildlife Habitat Stamp. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Real estate acquired by the DNR with Wildlife Habitat Stamp funding is eligible to remain on county property tax rolls. Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco

**Seconded** – Commissioner Clement

Discussion: Staff provided general information about Lidar (Light Detection and Ranging radar).

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

#### 12.5 HAWK VALLEY WMA – CLAY CO. – INHF

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the acquisition of a tract of land located 2.5 miles east of Spencer adjacent to the north side of U.S. Hwy. 18. This 101.6-acre parcel is offered by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for the appraised price of \$116,900.00. Licensed appraiser, Greg Tritle of Vander Werff and Associates, Inc., Sanborn, Iowa submitted the appraisal. The purchase agreement was negotiated by Jerry Gibson. The subject property was acquired from Creswells on October 15, 2010. The subject tract has 100.4 acres encumbered by a Wetland Reserve Program easement, and 1.2 acres of road right-of-way. Cover types include 20 acres of pasture; 40 acres seeded to native prairie species; and 40.4 acres of marsh/wetlands. There are no buildings. The tract is separated from existing state land by road right-of-way. This tract will also add to an existing 2,000 acre complex that currently exists along the Little Sioux River corridor. Acquisition funding will be North American Wetland Conservation Act. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood

**Seconded** – Commissioner Francisco

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

#### \*12.6. SILVER LAKE WMA – WORTH CO. – LOBERG

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of an approximately 1.0 acre permanent easement adjacent east side of Silver Lake in Worth County. William and Carol Loberg have agreed to donate the permanent easement along with a temporary easement for construction for the installation, maintenance, and repairs of a cement box culvert with fish barrier, and reshaping of the ditch outflow from Silver Lake. Rick Hansen negotiated the option for easement. Silver Lake, a sovereign shallow glacial lake, is lake located 14 miles northwest of Northwood in northwestern Worth County. Identified by DNR fisheries, wildlife, and lake restoration staff as a priority lake for renovation, the current fixed crest spillway will be reconstructed with a concrete box culvert and fish barrier to allow for infrequent water level fluctuations to improve water quality and recreational opportunities within the lake. The project will begin with a draw-down of the lake, followed by spillway reconstruction, re-vegetation of shallow lake bottom areas, and the elimination of the carp and buffalo fishery. The lake will then be refilled, and stocked and managed for yellow perch and northern pike

populations. This easement will be monitored by the Wildlife Bureau in accord with the area management plan. The project is a cooperative effort involving staff and resources from the fisheries, wildlife, and lake restoration programs. Surveying cost estimate is \$4,000.00. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Staff recommends approval of the easement acquisition.

**CARRIED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA**

**13. LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS**

**\*13.1 FORT DODGE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – NCCF**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a 20 year management agreement between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Corrections – North Central Correctional Facility (NCCF) to provide for native seed production for use on public lands. The purposes of the agreement are to provide work through public service opportunities for offenders in the North Central Correctional Facility; to provide labor and growing facilities for the Iowa DNR Prairie Resource Center; and to create wildlife habitat diversity on public lands. Under the agreement, the NCCF will provide land needed for native seed production; labor and daily maintenance of seed production plots and all offender supervision and security to DNR. The DNR will provide all propagated plants for production plots; all consumable project materials such as planting medium, seed and weed barrier fabric; a seed dryer; cleaning and processing of seed; a record of production, harvest and distribution of seed; and transportation of seed and plants to and from the NCCF facility. The DNR will provide equipment for soil preparation and installation of weed barrier fabric and personnel to provide guidance in the transplanting, maintenance and harvest of seed production plots. All seed will only be planted on public land. Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

**CARRIED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA**

**13.2 TRIBOJI BEACH – CH. 18 LEASE – DICKINSON CO. -- LORCH**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve, for submission to the Iowa Executive Council for final approval, renewal of a lease with Bruce A. Lorch for a portion of the dedicated public land at Triboji Beach. The lease area consists of a parcel 28.4 feet in frontage by 4.8 feet in depth, adjacent to Lot 10 and the South 15 feet of Lot 11, Block 35, Triboji Beach, Dickinson County. The leased area is occupied by a wooden deck attached to the tenant’s cottage. The site has been under lease since 1986. 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 agreement.

**Motion** – Commissioner Underwood  
**Seconded** – Commissioner Francisco  
Discussion: Commissioner Rettig expressed concern about the value of this property, fair market value, and the charge in the lease. Staff provided information regarding the evaluation of established leases and the information in the rule regarding assessing residential and commercial values. The current land is a left over area after development and is not beachfront property. There is an option not to approve a lease renewal. If that occurs, the historic occupier may consider legal recourse.  
  
**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco moved to table 13.2 and 13.3 until the next meeting requesting more information.

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

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### 13.3 TRIBOJI BEACH – CH. 18 LEASE – DICKINSON CO. – CHRISTENSEN

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve, for submission to the Iowa Executive Council for final approval, renewal of a lease with Thomas L. Christensen for a portion of the dedicated public land at Triboji Beach. The lease area consists of a parcel 15 feet long by 10 feet wide and a parcel 10 feet long by 3 feet wide, adjacent to Lot 15, Block 35, Triboji Beach, Dickinson County. The leased area is occupied by a concrete patio and steps. 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 agreement.

**Motion** – Commissioner Francisco moved to table item until more information could be provided.

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

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### 13.4 MISSISSIPPI – CH. 18 LEASE – SCOTT CO. – BLACKHAWK FLEET, LLC

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve, for submission to the Iowa Executive Council for final approval, a Chapter 18 lease with Blackhawk Fleet, LLC (wholly owned subsidiary of Marquette Transportation Company, LLC). Marquette Transportation purchased the area from Blackhawk Fleet Inc. in Buffalo, Iowa, in September 2011. The lease area consists of 650 feet of river frontage by 200 feet of depth, located at River Mile 469.5 in Section 19, Township 77 North, Range 2 East, Scott County. The site is used as a repair facility and barge unloading area. The leased area is occupied by a sheet pile seawall and a dock string of barges 3-long by 1-deep. The area has been under lease with Blackhawk Fleet Inc. since 1977. Marquette Transportation will make no changes to the operation of the terminal. The proposed lease will be for a five year period. The annual fee is \$6,826.00 with a condition that the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The administrative fee is \$1,228.68. Staff recommends approval of the lease agreement.

**Motion** – Commissioner Rettig

**Seconded** – Commissioner Underwood

Discussion: Commissioner Rettig commented she appreciated seeing fees increase based on rule and no one is going out of business yet still paying fair market value.

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

### 13.5 THE PIER AT ARNOLDS PARK – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – HAPI

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for a 99 year management agreement with Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. and the DNR. This agreement authorizes Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. to manage, care and maintain the pier, fountain and pedestrian dock located at West Lake Okoboji in Arnolds Park as an access area for public use. Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. will preserve the area as an

important piece of history in the Iowa Great Lakes area. An existing management agreement is in place but does not address the placement, care and maintenance of the dock adjacent to the pier. In prior years the DNR owned and operated the dock structure. Due to the age and condition of the DNR dock it will no longer be in use at the Pier. Going forward, the proposed agreement will allow HAPI to own and operate the dock. 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 Underwood

**Seconded** – Commissioner Francisco

Discussion: Staff presented information that a long length of time is not unusual in these circumstances, especially when fundraising commitments are being secured, and the agreement does not turn over ownership and provides an out clause for cause. The non profit group managing the area will not be using the area for commercial use. The main use for this area is for the dock. The dock they are replacing will be similar to the one there before. An average lifespan of a dock is 25 years. It is not the deck of the dock that wears out the fastest, it is the framing. The usable parts of the removed dock will be recycled to other parks for their use. Commissioner response noted appreciation for the partnerships being cultivated. Commissioners Clement and Prickett requested a reduction in years within the agreement.

**Motion** - Commissioner Clement moved to amend motion from 99 years to 35 years.

**Seconded** - Commissioner Prickett

**Decision** – Approved (4 ayes, 2 nays)

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED**

**\*13.6 BRIGHTON BOAT ACCESS – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – WASHINGTON COUNTY**

The Natural Resource Commission’s approval is requested for the renewal of the management agreement with the Washington County Conservation Board and the DNR for Brighton Boat Access through December 31, 2036. The agreement covers 22.90 acres lying on the Raccoon River. The Washington County Conservation Board manages this access for purposes of maintaining it for our public providing wildlife habitat and fishing access points. The county has managed the area since the mid-1980’s and desires to continue the agreement. Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

**CARRIED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA**

**\*13.7 CALHOUN WILDLIFE AREA – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – CALHOUN COUNTY**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a renewal of a management agreement between the Calhoun County Conservation Board and the DNR to authorize County management of Calhoun Wildlife Area through December 31, 2036. Calhoun Wildlife Area is a 24 acre area located 4.5 miles east of Manson. There is a 5 acre pond surrounded by grasses, trees, and shrubs. A small parking area is provided just off the highway. Hunting and fishing are allowed. Calhoun County has managed the area since the mid-1980’s and 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.

**CARRIED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA**

**\*13.8 REESE HOMESTEAD AREA – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – MONONA COUNTY**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a new management agreement between the Monona County Conservation Board and the DNR to authorize County management of the R.T. Reese Homestead area through December 31, 2036. The 105 acre area is located ½ mile north of Turin in central Monona County adjacent to the south side of Turin State Preserve and surrounding the future Monona CCB headquarters. The Monona County Conservation Board will manage this area providing hunting and trapping to the public. The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement. Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

**CARRIED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA**

**14. DONATIONS**

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Law Enf - Princeton Gun Range	\$45.00	Three target standards	Denny Benes, K&K Hardware
Law Enf - Furharvester Education Program	\$78.00	Three dozen T-bar trap stakes, two dozen trapping supply catalogs, NAFA fur bags	Wayne Funke, Funke Trap Tags & Supplies
Lacey-Keosauqua State Park	\$88.00	Repair weld cabin # 3 grill	David McQuoid, McQuoid Welding
Law Enf - Furharvester Education Program	\$179.70	Six "In The Fur Shed" DVD's, two dozen trapping supply catalogs	Kyle and Kellen Kaatz, Kaatz Brothers Lures
Mines of Spain	\$302.51	Concrete and forms for concrete floor underneath two single picnic table shelters. Includes 107 hours of volunteer labor. Cody took shelter and tables down, poured concrete, and reinstalled shelters and picnic tables for this Eagle Scout project.	Cody Jochum
Brushy Creek SRA	\$779.00	Cordless impact wrench and plasma cutter	BCRA
Brushy Creek SRA	\$1,031.10	Funds to be used for equestrian campground or trails	Three Rivers Saddle Club
Lake Macbride State Park	\$2,000.00	Funds toward improvements at Lake Macbride State Park	Solon Andreas Foundation

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

**CARRIED AS PRESENTED****15. 2012 NRC MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the following 2012 meeting recommendations:

Month	Meeting Date (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month)	Meeting Start Time	Meeting Location (County)
JANUARY	01/12/12	9:30am	Polk
FEBRUARY	02/09/12	9:30am	Polk
MARCH	03/08/12	9:30am	Polk
APRIL	04/12/12	9:30am	Polk
MAY	05/10/12	9:30am	<i>To be determined</i>
JUNE	06/14/12	9:30am	Polk
JULY	07/12/12	8:30am	Monona
AUGUST	08/09/12	9:30am	Polk
SEPTEMBER	09/13/12	9:30am	Polk
OCTOBER	10/11/12	9:30am	<i>To be determined</i>
NOVEMBER	11/08/12	9:30am	Polk
DECEMBER	12/13/12	9:30am	Polk
JANUARY	01/10/13	9:30am	Polk

Discussion: Commission availability was discussed for January's meeting in coordination with the 01/18/12 legislative breakfast. Determined January meeting would be held on 01/17/11 at 1pm with a back up date of January 01/12/11 and either date would have a call in option.

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CARRIED AS AMENDED****16. General Discussion**

Commissioner Franciso inquired on the status of the Deer Committee. Director Lande reported the names and request have been submitted to the Governor's office for his review and he will follow up on the status.

Commissioner Prickett expressed she is looking forward to strategizing this afternoon.

Commissioner Underwood reported a ribbon cutting occurred at the new Ventura Marsh pump station. Director Lande, Deputy Director Gipp, and staff attended. The community is so pleased with the completion of this long term project, accolades were given to the partnerships, and the economic impact has been tremendous.

Commissioner Underwood inquired on the status of legislative issues. Diane Ford reported that information has been submitted to the Governor's office and it is pending his approval.

Commissioner Rettig expressed disappointment that the fuel tax increase is off the table which will have an affect on budgets.

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Commissioner Drees reported he has drafted the NRC's report of accomplishments and recommendations incorporating ideas submitted. He will email the report to the Commissioners before the December meeting for review.

Director Lande handed out Iowa pheasant information to the Commission.

**Strategic Planning** (Information / Discussion) – Cindy Axne, facilitator. The Commission participated in an exercise regarding strategic planning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting – Commissioner Prickett

**Seconded** - Commissioner Francisco

**Decision** - Approved by Unanimous Vote.

With no further business to come before the Natural Resource Commission, Chair Drees adjourned the meeting on 11/10/11 at 3:12p.m.

**CARRIED – MEETING ADJOURNED**

**UPCOMING NRC MEETING DATES**

December 8, 2011 – Henry Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, 9:30am