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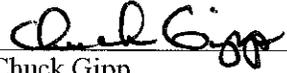
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by the NRC Chair, Margo Underwood, on 06/13/13 at 8:30am. She made special note of thanks to those who provided Commissioner training yesterday.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Present

- Marcus Branstad
- Conrad Clement
- Richard (Kim) Francisco, Secretary
- Dr. Sally Prickett, Vice-Chair (by phone)
- Phyllis Reimer
- Dennis Schemmel
- Margo Underwood, Chair

Absent

none

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

| Speaker Name | Address | Representing | Subject |
|-------------------|--|--------------|--|
| Wally Taylor | 220 S 31 st Street, Marion, IA 52302 | Sierra Club | otter and bobcat quotas and seasons |
| Pam Mackey Taylor | 220 S 31 st Street, Marion, IA 52302 | Sierra Club | furbearer season, Chapter 108 – agenda item 9 |

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion - Commissioner Francisco moved to approve the agenda with the adjustments to move item 9 to after the public comment period, move item 4 be presented at approximately 10:30am, and move General Discussion item regarding Boating Regulations to approximately 1:30pm.
 Seconded – Commissioner Schemmel
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS AMENDED

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF 05/09/13 NRC PUBLIC MEETING

Motion – Commissioner Francisco
 Seconded – Commissioner Branstad
 Decision – Approved (Commissioner Schemmel abstained since he was absent in May)

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

3. DIRECTOR’S REMARKS

Deputy Director Trautman provided information on Chronic Wasting Disease, H2O (Happy & Healthy Outdoors), and the Governor’s Excellence awards to be held at the end of June.

4. GREEN VALLEY STATE PARK FRIENDS – GREEN VALLEY TRAIL PROJECT

Creston community members (Ellen Gerharz, Creston Park to Park Trail Representative, Warren Woods, Creston Mayor, Mike Taylor, City Administrator, Richard Anderson, long time volunteer, and Wayne Pantini, Director of Union County Economic Development) presented information regarding the history and current status of the citywide “park to park” trail project, usage, and the economic and health benefits of the trail system, as well as the long term vision of the connectivity of the trail to other communities.

Motion - Commissioner Prickett moved to reconsider the Iowa DNR Green Valley Trail Project

Seconded - Commissioner Branstad

Discussion – For the next meeting, staff will include information on Green Valley State Park related trails on DNR property (current, proposed, and future trails; materials used; cost; funding), trail maintenance information, and trail information outside of DNR property (city, county).

Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

MOTION TO RECONSIDER CARRIED

5. HONEY CREEK RESORT STATE PARK UPDATE

Geoff Baekey, CHM Central Group Companies Vice President, and Andy Woodrick, Honey Creek Resort General Manager, presented information on the general budget, marketing, public relations, capitalization plan, use of the activities center, and their presence at the State Fair. Chuck Corell provided information regarding the status of the bill for bond defeasance regarding Honey Creek Resort.

INFORMATIONAL

6. CHAPTER 52, “WILDLIFE REFUGES” – FINAL RULE

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 52, “Wildlife Refuges.” Chapter 52 contains the regulations for establishing wildlife refuges for the purpose of preserving biological balance and for promoting sound wildlife management. Hunting is not permitted in refuges so as to create a de facto safe zone for the wildlife. The proposed amendment removes two areas that are no longer needed as waterfowl refuges because there are enough refuges in the general area without them. The high number of refuges in the area prevented any one of them from being as effective as planned. The areas being delisted are Three Mile Lake in Union County and Lake Sugema in Van Buren County. Importantly, the two areas being removed will remain public lands open for recreation, including hunting. In addition, the proposed amendment adds a new waterfowl refuge known as Union Hills in Cerro Gordo County. This new refuge is needed to encourage the growth of waterfowl in this area of the state of Iowa. This area is already state land currently under Department management. A small portion of this area is being redesignated from a wildlife management area to a waterfowl refuge. Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as ARC 0720C. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. For Rule consideration, seven comments were received from the public during the comment period and all but one supported the proposed change. No changes were made from the notice.

Attachment: Chapter 52, “Wildlife Refuges” – Final Rule

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6), 481A.5, 481A.6, and 481A.39, the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 52, “Wildlife Refuges,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 52 contains the regulations for establishing wildlife refuges for the purpose of preserving biological balance and for promoting sound wildlife management. Hunting is not permitted in refuges so as to create a de facto safe zone for the wildlife. The proposed amendment removes two areas that are no longer needed as waterfowl refuges because there are enough refuges in the general area without them. The high number of refuges in the area prevented any one of them from being as effective as planned. The areas being delisted are Three Mile Lake in Union County and Lake Sugema in Van Buren County. Importantly, the two areas being removed will remain public lands open for recreation, including hunting.

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Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as ARC 0720C. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. Seven comments were received from the public during the comment period and all but one supported the proposed change. No changes were made from the notice.

The amendment will have a positive effect on jobs by increasing opportunities for waterfowl hunting and viewing in Union, Cerro Gordo, and Van Buren Counties. Since waterfowl hunters frequently travel the entire state to enjoy different locations and zone-specific dates, the waterfowl hunting opportunities created in these

specific counties will be enjoyed by hunters statewide. Waterfowl hunting benefits local economies and associated jobs, through equipment retailers, guide services, transportation services, and restaurants. This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6), 481A.5, 481A.6, and 481A.39.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 52.1(3) as follows:

52.1(3) Waterfowl refuges. The following areas under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources are established as waterfowl refuges where posted. It shall be unlawful to hunt ducks and geese on the following areas, where posted, at any time during the year. It shall be unlawful to trespass in any manner on the following areas, where posted, during the dates posted, both dates inclusive, except that department personnel, law enforcement officials, and anyone specifically authorized by the department of natural resources may enter the area at any time in performance of their duties, and hunters, under the supervision of department staff, may enter when specifically authorized by the department of natural resources.

| <u>Area</u> | <u>County</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lake Icaria | Adams |
| Pool Slough Wildlife Area..... | Allamakee |
| Rathbun Area..... | Appanoose, Lucas, Wayne |
| Sedan Bottoms | Appanoose |
| Sweet Marsh | Bremer |
| Big Marsh | Butler |
| Ventura Marsh | Cerro Gordo |
| Union Hills..... | Cerro Gordo |
| Round Lake..... | Clay |
| Jemerson Slough Complex | Dickinson |
| Forney Lake..... | Fremont |
| Riverton Area..... | Fremont |
| Dunbar Slough..... | Greene |
| Bays Branch..... | Guthrie |
| Crystal Hills..... | Hancock |
| Eagle Flats | Hancock |
| Eagle Lake | Hancock |
| Green Island Area | Jackson |
| Muskrat Slough..... | Jones |
| Red Rock Area..... | Marion, Polk, Warren |
| Badger Lake..... | Monona |
| Chichaqua Area..... | Polk |
| McCausland | Scott |
| Princeton Area | Scott |
| Otter Creek Marsh | Tama |
| Three Mile Lake..... | Union |
| Lake Sugema..... | Van Buren |
| Rice Lake Area | Winnebago |
| Snyder Bend Lake..... | Woodbury |
| Elk Creek Marsh..... | Worth |

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| Motion – Commissioner Francisco Seconded – Commissioner Clement Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote |
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7. CHAPTER 100, “CROW AND PIGEON REGULATIONS” – FINAL RULE

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 100, “Crow and Pigeon Regulations.” Chapter 100 contains the regulations for hunting crows and pigeons. The proposed amendment allows pigeons to

be taken year round as studies show the population can withstand this change. The practical effect of the proposed amendment is that dove hunters will be able to shoot a pigeon while hunting doves. Currently, pigeons cannot be shot with a firearm, the weapon of choice for hunting doves, during the majority of the dove season. Dove season is from September 1 through November 9, and pigeons can only be shot with a firearm beginning October 1. Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as ARC 0719C. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. For Rule consideration, ten comments were received from the public during the comment period and seven supported the proposed change in the season. No changes were made from the notice.

Attachment: Chapter 100, "Crow and Pigeon Regulations"-- Final Rule

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, and 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 100, "Crow and Pigeon Regulations," Iowa Administrative Code.

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Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as ARC 0719C. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. Ten comments were received from the public during the comment period and most supported the proposed change in the season. No changes were made from the notice.

After analysis and review of this proposed rule making, no impact on private sector jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, and 481A.48.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 100.2(1) as follows:

100.2(1) Pigeon season. There is a continuous open season for the taking of pigeons ~~except the season for taking pigeons with firearms shall be October 1 to March 31. However, within 100 yards of buildings and bridges pigeons may be taken with firearms the year around.~~ No bag or possession limit. Entire state open.

Motion – Commissioner Francisco

Seconded – Commissioner Schemmel

Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

8. CHAPTER 106, "DEER HUNTING BY RESIDENTS" – FINAL RULE

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 106, "Deer Hunting by Residents." Chapter 106 sets regulations for deer hunting by residents and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and methods of take, and transportation and reporting requirements. The proposed amendment reduces antlerless deer quota numbers in six counties in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. This quota reduction is designed to stabilize deer numbers in those counties whose deer population has been reduced to levels that were agreed to in 2009 by the Deer Study Advisory Group (DSAG). The DSAG was created to review, analyze, and make recommendations on issues relating to the state's deer population. Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as ARC 0717C. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. For Rule consideration, sixteen comments were received from the public during the comment period and all but two supported the proposed changes in the antlerless quotas. No changes were made from the notice except that wording was added to clarify that the quotas were for the 2013 deer season.

Attachment: Chapter 106, "Deer Hunting by Residents"-- Final Rule

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6), 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48(1), 483A.8, 483A.8B, 483A.8C, 483A.24, and 483A.24B, the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 106, “Deer Hunting by Residents,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 106 sets regulations for deer hunting by residents and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and methods of take, and transportation and reporting requirements.

The proposed amendment reduces antlerless deer quota numbers in six counties in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. This quota reduction is designed to stabilize deer numbers in those counties whose deer population has been reduced to levels that were agreed to in 2009 by the Deer Study Advisory Group (DSAG). The DSAG was created to review, analyze, and make recommendations on issues relating to the state’s deer population.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as ARC 0717C. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. Sixteen comments were received from the public during the comment period and all but two supported the proposed changes in the antlerless quotas. No changes were made from the notice except that wording was added to clarify that the quotas were for the 2013 deer season.

This rule amendment will have a neutral impact on jobs in the state. Even though the Commission is proposing a license reduction, there should not be a noticeable change in deer hunting. The proposed new quotas are designed to keep deer numbers stable and result in similar license sales overall. Thus, the private sector job impact should remain status quo even with this rule making. The following types of jobs are positively impacted by deer hunting generally (and should see no noticeable change due to this rule making): hunting equipment retailers (weapons, ammunition, clothing, chairs, stands, binoculars, and other supporting equipment); field guides and outfitters; taxidermists; and restaurants, hotels, and gas stations for hunters traveling around the state.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48(1), 483A.8, 483A.8B, 483A.8C, 483A.24, and 483A.24B.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 106.6(6) as follows:

106.6(6) Antlerless-deer-only licenses. Paid antlerless-deer-only licenses will be available by county as follows for the 2013 deer season:

| <u>County</u> | <u>Quota</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Quota</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Quota</u> |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Adair | 2400 | Floyd | 0 | Monona | 2500 |
| Adams | 1950 | Franklin | 0 | Monroe | 3000 |
| Allamakee | 4500 | Fremont | 4500 600 | Montgomery | 4300 1050 |
| Appanoose | 3300 | Greene | 150 | Muscatine | 1175 |
| Audubon | 100 | Grundy | 0 | O’Brien | 0 |
| Benton | 650 | Guthrie | 3300 | Osceola | 0 |
| Black Hawk | 0 | Hamilton | 100 | Page | 4800 950 |
| Boone | 650 | Hancock | 0 | Palo Alto | 0 |
| Bremer | 1000 | Hardin | 200 | Plymouth | 100 |
| Buchanan | 250 | Harrison | 2500 | Pocahontas | 0 |
| Buena Vista | 0 | Henry | 1025 | Polk | 1500 |
| Butler | 0 | Howard | 350 | Pottawattamie | 2400 1300 |
| Calhoun | 0 | Humboldt | 0 | Poweshiek | 500 |
| Carroll | 100 | Ida | 0 | Ringgold | 2600 |

| <u>County</u> | <u>Quota</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Quota</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Quota</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Cass | 1300 <u>550</u> | Iowa | 775 | Sac | 0 |
| Cedar | 1025 | Jackson | 1250 | Scott | 500 |
| Cerro Gordo | 0 | Jasper | 1700 | Shelby | 400 |
| Cherokee | 0 | Jefferson | 2150 | Sioux | 0 |
| Chickasaw | 450 | Johnson | 1400 | Story | 500 |
| Clarke | 2500 | Jones | 975 | Tama | 500 |
| Clay | 0 | Keokuk | 1900 | Taylor | 2650 |
| Clayton | 3200 | Kossuth | 0 | Union | 2100 |
| Clinton | 825 | Lee | 1400 | Van Buren | 5400 |
| Crawford | 300 | Linn | 1300 | Wapello | 2150 |
| Dallas | 2700 | Louisa | 850 | Warren | 4200 |
| Davis | 3600 | Lucas | 2800 | Washington | 2250 |
| Decatur | 2800 | Lyon | 0 | Wayne | 3000 |
| Delaware | 975 | Madison | 4000 | Webster | 100 |
| Des Moines | 900 | Mahaska | 1350 | Winnebago | 0 |
| Dickinson | 0 | Marion | 2250 | Winneshiek | 3500 |
| Dubuque | 1375 | Marshall | 500 | Woodbury | 2500 |
| Emmet | 0 | Mills | 1350 <u>950</u> | Worth | 0 |
| Fayette | 1650 | Mitchell | 0 | Wright | 0 |

Motion – Commissioner Branstad
 Seconded – Commissioner Francisco
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

9. CHAPTER 108, “MINK, MUSKRAT, RACCOON, BADGER, OPOSSUM, WEASEL, STRIPED SKUNK, FOX (RED AND GRAY), BEAVER, COYOTE, RIVER OTTER, BOBCAT, GRAY (TIMBER) WOLF AND SPOTTED SKUNK SEASONS” – FINAL RULE

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 108, “Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Badger, Opossum, Weasel, Striped Skunk, Fox (Red and Gray), Beaver, Coyote, River Otter, Bobcat, Gray (Timber) Wolf and Spotted Skunk Seasons.” Chapter 108 sets the season dates, bag limits, possession limits and areas open to the hunting or trapping of furbearers. The proposed amendments add six counties to the open area for bobcats and remove the statewide quotas for bobcats and river otters. These amendments allow the season for river otters and bobcats to run concurrently with the other furbearer seasons. Since there will no longer be a quota, the 24-hour reporting requirement will no longer be needed. However, federal regulations require that a CITES tag must still be obtained for each bobcat and river otter harvested. These amendments reduce the number of river otters a fur harvester may take during the season from three to two to prevent the taking of too many river otters in any one area. Populations of these furbearers are at a level that will sustain this additional level of harvest and allow

Iowa's hunters and trappers additional opportunities without negatively impacting these populations. Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as ARC 0718C. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. For Rule consideration, twenty comments were received from the public during the comment period and fourteen supported the proposed changes in the seasons. No changes were made from the notice except the wording added to clarify that otters and bobcats taken outside of the closed season or in excess of the seasonal bag limit needed to be turned over to the DNR without penalty.

Attachment: Chapter 108, "Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Badger, Opossum, Weasel, Striped Skunk, Fox (Red and Gray), Beaver, Coyote, River Otter, Bobcat, Gray (Timber) Wolf and Spotted Skunk Seasons" – Final Rule

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 481A.6, 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.87, 481A.90, and 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 108, "Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Badger, Opossum, Weasel, Striped Skunk, Fox (Red and Gray), Beaver, Coyote, River Otter, Bobcat, Gray (Timber) Wolf and Spotted Skunk Seasons," Iowa Administrative Code.

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The proposed amendments are expected to have a positive impact on jobs by increasing overall trapping activity. By the elimination of statewide quotas, trappers will be able to actually take bobcats and river otters each season. In the past, the quotas filled up quickly, and many trappers who had purchased licenses were not actually able to take a bobcat or river otter because the statewide quota was filled, even if their personal season limit was not yet met. Eliminating these quotas is consistent with sound wildlife management principles and allows fur harvesters more flexibility. For example, trappers will be able to take furbearers later in the season when their pelts are more valuable. In addition, six additional counties have been added for the trapping of bobcats. This will increase trapping activities in these counties. This likely means increased business for the private sector in the following areas: sale of hunting and trapping gear and other related equipment and taxidermy work. It could also lead to increased business for restaurants, hotels, and gas stations as people move around the state participating in the sport.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.6, 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.87, and 481A.90.

The following amendments are adopted.

Item 1. Amend subrule 108.7(2) as follows:

108.7(2) *Open area.* River otters may be taken statewide. Bobcats may be taken in the following counties: Adair, Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Cass, Clarke, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Des Moines, Fremont, Guthrie, Harrison, Henry, Iowa, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Mills, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, Muscatine, Page, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Woodbury.

Item 2. Amend subrule 108.7(3) as follows:

108.7(3) *Quotas and seasonal. Seasonal bag limit.*

a. Seasonal bag limit. The seasonal bag limit is 3 2 river otters and 1 bobcat per person.

b. Quotas. ~~The quota for the number of river otters that may be taken is 850 statewide. The quota for the~~

~~number of bobcats that may be taken is 450 in the open area. The season shall end for river otters when the number of river otters trapped, as determined by the harvest reporting system, reaches the quota. The season shall end for bobcats when the number of bobcats taken, as determined by the harvest reporting system, reaches the quota. Trappers shall be allowed a grace period that ends on midnight of the day after the quota is reached to clear their traps of river otters or bobcats. River otters or bobcats found in traps during the grace period may be kept even though the quota is exceeded provided that the trapper has not reached the trapper's personal bag limit. River otters or bobcats trapped after the grace period or in excess of the seasonal bag limit or in a closed area must be turned over to the department; the trapper shall not be penalized.~~

Item 3. Amend subrule 108.7(4) as follows:

108.7(4) Season Dates. The season for taking river otters and bobcats opens on the first Saturday in November and closes ~~when the quota has been reached, as explained in this rule, or on January 31 of the following year, whichever occurs first.~~

Item 4. Amend subrule 108.7(5) as follows:

108.7(5) Reporting requirements. ~~a. Anyone, including a landowner or tenant not required to have a fur harvester license, who takes a river otter or bobcat must report the harvest to a DNR conservation officer or designated DNR employee within 24 hours. The fur harvester must and arrange to receive a CITES tag from the officer or designated DNR employee within seven days of the time the harvest is reported. The river otter or bobcat shall be skinned and the carcass lower jaw or skull turned over to the DNR conservation officer or designated DNR employee at the time the CITES tag is issued. If the specimen is to be kept whole for taxidermy purposes, a cut shall be made by the trapper between the gum line and eye so the CITES tag can be attached to the skin. It shall be the responsibility of the taxidermist to have the carcass turned over to a DNR conservation officer or designated DNR employee once that animal has been skinned for taxidermy purposes.~~

~~b. Upon receiving a telephone report that a river otter or bobcat has been legally taken, the conservation officer or DNR employee will call the department's harvest reporting system. The number of river otters and bobcats taken will be updated daily, and a message will be recorded on the department's telephone system. The number taken will be available 24 hours a day. Fur harvesters may check the message daily to determine when the season closes and when the grace period begins and ends. The department will use all practical means to publicize these dates.~~

Motion – Commissioner Clement

Seconded – Commissioner Francisco

Discussion – Willie Suchy provided information on the bobcat survey process and population evaluations for the bobcat and otters that are completed prior to rule recommendations.

Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

***10. CONTRACT WITH THE FOOD BANK OF IOWA FOR HUSH**

Commission approval is requested for a three-year service contract with The Food Bank of Iowa of Des Moines, IA. The contract will begin July 1, 2013 and terminate June 30, 2016. The amount of this contract shall not exceed \$600,000, annually; \$5 per deer processed through the HUSH (Help Us Stop Hunger) program and reimburses the Food Bank for the cost of processing a deer at \$75 per animal. Funding is through the Fish and Game Trust Fund. HUSH is funded by a \$1 fee added to each deer license and the program responsibilities are outlined in administrative rule, Iowa Administrative Code 571- Chapter 116. In the last 2 years, the \$1 fee has provided approximately \$380,000, with an average of \$100,000 additional funding per year from the Fish and Game Trust Fund. HUSH was initiated with the 2003 deer season as an incentive to hunters to harvest more deer. The Food Bank of Iowa is a major partner in HUSH, arranging venison distribution, making more than 300 total payments per year to participating lockers, and collecting information on the number of deer processed and the pounds of venison distributed. Last year, 5281 deer were processed and 220,184 pounds of venison were distributed. Because of the Food Bank of Iowa's partnership, the DNR can operate the HUSH program with no additional FTEs, unlike other states that run a deer donation program who must devote from 1 to 3 FTEs to their operations. The Food Bank of Iowa is a sole source provider due to its direct access to the food distribution system and its administrative staff being able to perform the financial arrangements.

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA

11. 2013-2014 DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE HUNTS

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 want to be included in the list of special hunts. There will be hunts at 53 different locations. Some of these have multiple hunts in a year. Twenty eight hunts are at state or county parks or other federal or private refuges. Twenty five are urban hunts. Two new areas were added this fall including the city of Mount Pleasant and Jones County Central Park. The Washawtee area of Waubonsie State Park in Fremont county will not be holding a hunt this fall. The following is the number of licenses, reported harvests, and type of deer harvested for all of the special hunts in 2012-2013.

| Licenses | Reported Harvest | Success Rate | Percent Does | Percent Antlerless |
|----------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 4,682 | 1,851 | 47% | 87% | 98% |

2013-14 Proposed Deer Management Zone Hunts

| Zone Name | Zone # | Season Name | Season Number | Season Begin | Dates End | License Quota | Antlerless |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Amana Colonies Zone | 1 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | | |
| Amana Colonies Zone | 1 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | | |
| Amana Colonies Zone | 1 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | | |
| Amana Colonies Zone | 1 | Early Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | | |
| Amana Colonies Zone | 1 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | 500 | |
| Amana Colonies Zone | 1 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | | |
| Amana Colonies Zone | 1 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | | |
| Amana Colonies Zone | 1 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | | |
| Ames (City) | 2 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/20/2014 | 50 | |
| Ames (Perimeter) | 3 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | | |
| Ames (Perimeter) | 3 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | | |
| Ames (Perimeter) | 3 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | | |
| Ames (Perimeter) | 3 | Early Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | | |
| Ames (Perimeter) | 3 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | 50 | |
| Ames (Perimeter) | 3 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | | |
| Ames (Perimeter) | 3 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | | |
| Ames (Perimeter) | 3 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | | |
| Backbone State Park | 4 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/8/2013 | 80 | |
| Bettendorf & Riverdale (City) | 7 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 300 | |
| Cedar Rapids (City) | 8 | Bow | 3 | 9/15/2013 | 1/20/2014 | 500 | |
| Clinton (City) | 9 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 300 | |
| Coralville (City) | 10 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/20/2014 | 200 | |
| Council Bluffs (City) | 69 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 300 | |
| Davenport (City) | 11 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 500 | |
| Denison (City) | 12 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 50 | |
| DeSoto NWR | 14 | Early Muzzle | 4 | 10/19/2013 | 10/20/2013 | 100 | |
| Dubuque (City) | 16 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 400 | |

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| Dubuque County | 17 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Dubuque County | 17 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Dubuque County | 17 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| | | Early | | | | |
| Dubuque County | 17 | Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | |
| Dubuque County | 17 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | 250 |
| Dubuque County | 17 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | |
| Dubuque County | 17 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| Dubuque County | 17 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | |
| Eldora (City) | 42 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | 50 |
| Elk Rock State Park | 18 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 1/11/2014 | 1/12/2014 | 50 |
| | | Early | | | | |
| Green Valley State Park | 20 | Muzzle | 4 | 11/16/2013 | 11/17/2013 | 50 |
| Iowa Army Ammunition Plant | 21 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| IAAP | 21 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| IAAP | 21 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| | | Early | | | | |
| IAAP | 21 | Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | |
| IAAP | 21 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | 950 |
| IAAP | 21 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | |
| IAAP | 21 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| IAAP | 21 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | |
| | | Early | | | | |
| IAAP | 22 | Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | 50 |
| Iowa Falls (Perimeter) | 23 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Iowa Falls (Perimeter) | 23 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Iowa Falls (Perimeter) | 23 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| | | Early | | | | |
| Iowa Falls (Perimeter) | 23 | Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | |
| Iowa Falls (Perimeter) | 23 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | 30 |
| Iowa Falls (Perimeter) | 23 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | |
| Iowa Falls (Perimeter) | 23 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| Iowa Falls (Perimeter) | 23 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | |
| Iowa Falls (City) | 24 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/20/2014 | 50 |
| Jefferson County Park | 64 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 25 |
| Johnson County | 25 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Johnson County | 25 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Johnson County | 25 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| | | Early | | | | |
| Johnson County | 25 | Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | 500 |
| Johnson County | 25 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | |
| Johnson County | 25 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | |
| Johnson County | 25 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| Johnson County | 25 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | |
| Jones County Central Park | 65 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 50 |
| Kent Park | 26 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 100 |
| Kent Park | 27 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/8/2013 | 60 |
| Keokuk (City) | 83 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 150 |
| Knoxville (City) | 75 | Bow | 3 | 9/15/2012 | 1/27/2013 | 50 |
| Lake Aquahbi State Park | 29 | Mentor | 4 | 11/2/2013 | 11/3/2013 | 15 |
| Lake Aquahbi State Park | 19 | Bow | 3 | 10/15/2013 | 1/10/2014 | 30 |

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| Lake Darling State Park | 30 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/8/2013 | 100 |
| Lake Iowa County Park | 70 | Bow | 3 | 10/20/2012 | 12/25/2012 | 50 |
| Lake Iowa County Park | 71 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/26/2012 | 1/20/2013 | 75 |
| Lake Macbride State Park | 32 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/20/2014 | 25 |
| Lake Manawa State Park | 33 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 50 |
| Lake of Three Fires State Park | 34 | Firearms | 7 | 1/4/2014 | 1/5/2014 | 45 |
| Ledges State Park | 39 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 12/31/2013 | 30 |
| Linn County | 40 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Linn County | 40 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Linn County | 40 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| | | Early | | | | |
| Linn County | 40 | Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | |
| Linn County | 40 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | 500 |
| Linn County | 40 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | |
| Linn County | 40 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| Linn County | 40 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | |
| Marshalltown (City) | 78 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/20/2014 | 60 |
| Marshalltown (Perimeter) | 79 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Marshalltown (Perimeter) | 79 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| Marshalltown (Perimeter) | 79 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| | | Early | | | | |
| Marshalltown (Perimeter) | 79 | Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | 40 |
| Marshalltown (Perimeter) | 79 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | |
| Marshalltown (Perimeter) | 79 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | |
| Marshalltown (Perimeter) | 79 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| Marshalltown (Perimeter) | 79 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | |
| Mount Pleasant (City) | 41 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 150 |
| Muscatine (City) | 43 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 200 |
| Oskaloosa (City) | 6 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 200 |
| Ottumwa (City) | 44 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 300 |
| Pine Lake State Park | 47 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | 30 |
| Polk-Dallas Archery-only Zone | 48 | Bow | 3 | 9/14/2013 | 1/20/2014 | 1200 |
| <i>Licenses valid within</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>POLK/DALLAS Urban deer</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>management zone in urban</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>areas, Polk CCB properties</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>and certain Saylorville Federal</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>lands. Local ordinances or rules</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>apply.</i> | | | | | | |
| Polk-Dallas Rural Zone | 61 | Youth | 1 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| <i>Licenses valid within</i> | 61 | Disabled | 2 | 9/21/2013 | 10/6/2013 | |
| <i>POLK/DALLAS deer</i> | 61 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| | | Early | | | | |
| <i>management zone, outside</i> | 61 | Muzzle | 4 | 10/12/2013 | 10/20/2013 | |
| <i>controlled/permit-only areas.</i> | 61 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | 200 |
| | 61 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | |
| | 61 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | |
| | 61 | January | 8 | 1/11/2014 | 1/19/2014 | |
| Reichel Area | 74 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 12/31/2013 | 25 |
| Riverside Park (Carroll CCB) | 81 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/20/2014 | 40 |
| Rock Creek State Park | 58 | Mentor | 1 | 11/9/2013 | 11/10/2013 | 30 |

| Hunt | | | | | | |
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| Scott County Park | 50 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/8/2013 | 50 |
| Smith Wildlife Area | 66 | Reg Gun 1 | 5 | 12/7/2013 | 12/11/2013 | 3 |
| Smith Wildlife Area | 67 | Reg Gun 2 | 6 | 12/14/2013 | 12/22/2013 | 3 |
| Smith Wildlife Area | 68 | Late Muzzle | 7 | 12/23/2013 | 1/10/2014 | 3 |
| Springbrook State Park | 51 | Mentor | 1 | 11/23/2013 | 11/24/2013 | 30 |
| Squaw Creek Park | 53 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/19/2014 | 100 |
| Stone State Park | 82 | Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 11/29/2013 | 50 |
| Viking Lake State Park | 54 | Firearms | 4 | 11/16/2013 | 11/17/2013 | 50 |
| Wapsi Environmental Center | 55 | Mentor Bow | 3 | 10/1/2013 | 1/10/2014 | 4 |
| Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Evansdale | 56 | Bow | 3 | 10/14/2013 | 1/10/2014 | 290 |
| Washatee | 57 | Cancelled 2013 | 3 | | | 50 |
| New or Changed | | | | | | |

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

12. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.

The Commission is requested 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 contract period is June 22, 2012, to January 31, 2017. In June 2012, the NRC approved year one of this five year contract (2012-2013). This brief requests approval for the balance of the contract period 2013-2017. There is no change in the content of the contract presented in 2012. The agreement is in the amount of \$32,500, annually, 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. DU is dedicated to the increase and production of waterfowl and other migratory bird populations in Canada via restoration and preservation of wetland and grassland habitats. Conserving waterfowl production habitats in Saskatchewan, Canada, is critical to reaching and maintaining continental population goals as set forth in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Iowa’s State Duck Stamp was established to conserve continental waterfowl populations through habitat conservation projects in Iowa, with authority to provide up to fifteen (15) percent of the revenues to support habitat projects in Canada. This agreement is in recognition that the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba represent the largest geographic portion of North America’s Prairie Pothole Region, and that they provide critical nesting habitat for the same waterfowl populations that nest and migrate through the State of Iowa. Since the State Duck Stamp was established in 1972, Iowa has contributed annually to conservation of waterfowl production habitat in Canada via annual cooperative agreements with DU. The DNR’s purpose in entering into this Cooperative Agreement is to support waterfowl habitat projects in the Prairie Pothole Region of Canada. DNR is dedicated toward the conservation of continental populations of waterfowl and other migratory birds, especially those that nest in the Prairie Pothole Region and migrate through the Mississippi Flyway and the State of Iowa. DU’s purpose in entering into this Cooperative Agreement is to increase and maintain abundant continental waterfowl populations through restoration and protection of wetlands and other critical waterfowl production habitats in the Prairie Pothole Region of Canada.

Motion – Commissioner Francisco
 Seconded – Commissioner Branstad
 Motion – Commissioner Francisco moved to amend his motion with the request that this be a one year contract.
 Seconded – Commissioner Branstad
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS AMENDED

13. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Commission is requested to approve an agreement between the Department and Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) authorizing the DNR to provide administrative oversight for the distribution of Department of Transportation (DOT) grant funds. With INHF and the Department sharing similar goals of land conservation and trail development, the DNR and INHF applied for, and were awarded, the Transportation Enhancement grant by the DOT. The grant funds awarded (\$530,000) will be used by INHF to

- acquire lands and/or conservation easements identified by both INHF and DNR for permanent protection and sale along the Great River Road and the Loess Hills Scenic Byway;
- provide multi-use trail, bicycle and pedestrian planning and implementation assistance to counties and communities throughout the state of Iowa;
- and maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, reports, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred for the project.

The DNR’s partnership in this cooperative agreement will satisfy the DOT’s requirement that INHF partner with a governmental body to administer the federal Transportation Enhancement grant dollars.

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| Motion – Commissioner Clement Seconded – Commissioner Prickett Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote |
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14. AGREEMENT WITH IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY – RESEARCH STUDIES

The Department requests Commission approval of the three year agreement, ending June 30, 2016, with Iowa State University for research studies to be conducted through the Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit for a total contract amount not to exceed \$212,555. Research project title: Distribution and Population Dynamics of Asian Carp in Iowa Rivers Research summary: Bighead and silver carps (collectively, Asian carp) are non-native fishes that have invaded the Mississippi and Missouri river basins. Asian carp can reduce zooplankton assemblages which may result in negative interactions with native fishes. Extensive research has been devoted towards understanding Asian carp populations in the Illinois and lower portions of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers; however, little is known about Asian carp populations in tributaries of these systems, including those throughout southeastern Iowa. The purpose of this study is to 1) evaluate adult population characteristic (abundance, distribution, size structure) and dynamics (recruitment, growth, mortality) of Asian carp among select Iowa rivers, including the Mississippi, Des Moines, Skunk, Iowa, and Cedar rivers; and 2) evaluate Asian carp reproduction (fecundity, larval, and juvenile densities) and recruitment in the Mississippi, Des Moines, Skunk, Iowa, and Cedar rivers. This information will be used to manage/control these populations and prevent the spread of these species to other Iowa waters. Funding supporting this agreement is from the Fish and Game Trust Fund.

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| Motion – Commissioner Francisco Seconded – Commissioner Branstad Discussion – Joe Larscheid shared information about the use and consumption of Asian carp. Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote |
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15. MASTER CONTRACT FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Commission approval is requested to enter into master contracts with the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA), Consulting Archaeological Service, and Louis Berger Group for archeological services and master contracts with OSA, Louis Berger Group, and 106 Group for architectural history services. The master contracts will begin June 20, 2013 and terminate on June 19, 2015. Contracting services for all Conservation and Recreation Division (CRD) master contracts will not exceed a total of \$150,000, annually. The contract may be renewed for up to six years. Projects conducted under the master contracts will be funded with multiple funding sources that are available to the CRD and may include but not limited to the Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund, General Fund, Resource and Enhancement and Protection Fund, and the Lake Restoration Fund. The DNR must comply with the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before conducting development and construction activities on its public managed lands. This NEPA compliance requires investigations to identify and assess the presence of archeological and architectural resources. To comply with NEPA the DNR must contract for outside services. CRD staff and Environmental Services Division staff worked cooperatively to develop a joint Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP was modeled after the master contracts for archeology and architectural history investigations in use by ESD. Interested vendors had the flexibility to submit proposals for CRD and/or ESD projects and based on their professional expertise in providing archeology and/or architectural history services. Technical proposals were scored by committee consisting both CRD and ESD staff. State Historical Preservation Office staff were present during RFP ranking for the purpose of providing their knowledge and past performance of interested vendors. Cost proposals were scored separately by committee members in their respective division (CRD or ESD). Separate CRD and ESD contracts will be offered to successful bidders. Vendors were selected based on a combine ranking of their technical and cost proposals. Technical proposals were scored first and cost proposals were then opened and scored. Four firms submitted proposals for both archaeological and architectural services, three firms submitted proposals for archaeological only services, one firm submitted a proposal for architectural only services, and one archaeological firm's proposal was rejected because its cost proposal was not submitted as requested by the RFP. All CRD bureaus will have access to the recommended master contracts. Each bureau will coordinate its own archeological and/or architectural projects. To initiate a project, a staff person will email a request for bids with pertinent project information to contracted firms. Pertinent information will include site photos and location; site boundaries according area and depth of ground disturbance; description of the development activity and a schedule for job completion. The staff person then selects the firm that submits the most favorable bid based on the guidelines given in the bid request. Master contracting will give CRD bureaus ready access to firms qualified in conducting archeological or architectural history investigations and will increase project efficiency.

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

16. PUBLICLY OWNED LAKES PROGRAM WATERSHED ELIGIBILITY

The Department requests NRC approval of 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 2014. 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 eleven applications were submitted:

- Big Creek Lake, Boone and Polk Counties
- Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo and Hancock Counties
- Hawthorn Lake, Mahaska County
- Lake Geode, Des Moines and Henry Counties
- Lake Icaria, Adams County
- Little River Lake, Decatur County
- Prairie Rose Lake, Shelby County
- Swan Lake, Carroll County
- Twelve Mile Lake, Adair and Union 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. A six member team evaluated the applications: George Antoniou and Mike McGhee from DNR’s Conservation and Recreation Division, Steve Hopkins and Adam Kiel from DNR’s Environmental Services Division, and Vince Sitzmann and Tony Toigo from the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. In accordance with the administrative rules, the Department has determined that ten of the eleven watersheds adequately meet the requirements for eligibility in fiscal year 2014. The Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo and Hancock Counties application did not qualify because it contained ineligible cost share projects for this review.

Staff recommends approval of the following ten watersheds for program eligibility.

- Big Creek Lake, Boone and Polk Counties
- Hawthorn Lake, Mahaska County
- Lake Geode, Des Moines and Henry Counties
- Lake Icaria, Adams County
- Little River Lake, Decatur County
- Prairie Rose Lake, Shelby County
- Swan Lake, Carroll County
- Twelve Mile Lake, Adair and Union Counties
- West Lake, Clarke County
- Williamson Pond, Lucas County

Motion – Commissioner Francisco
 Seconded – Commissioner Schemmel
 Discussion - George Antoniou provided information regarding the distribution of funding in correspondence to the management plans submitted. Over the years, applications have been improving and the DNR and IDALS provide assistance to applicants.
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

17. AGREEMENT WITH U. S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

The Department requests Commission approval to enter into a one year agreement with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to culture mussel species for stocking into the Iowa River. The contract period is from June 14, 2013 through June 13, 2014 with options to renew two additional years. The contract amount shall not exceed \$15,210 per year nor exceed \$45,630 over a three year contracting period. The funding source for this agreement is the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund. The DNR does not have the facilities or staff expertise to culture mussel species. The FWS have these capabilities at Genoa National Fish Hatchery (GNFH). The GNFH has been actively involved in mussel propagation since 2000 and has successfully developed culture methods for multiple species in efforts to introduce and restore mussel species to Midwest rivers. Currently, GNFH is producing four federally endangered species, one candidate species, and several state species of interest. The purpose is for the DNR to enter into this agreement with GNFH to propagate mussel species with specific emphasizes on the listed state endangered pistolgrip (*Tritogonia verrucosa*). Mussels will be reared to a sub-adult size suitable for stocking (25mm – 50mm) in the Iowa River at Iowa City. The pistolgrip is difficult to culture due to its complex reproductive cycle. Because of this, a multi-year approach is needed to successfully culture, introduce and restore pistolgrip populations to the Iowa River.

Motion – Commissioner Prickett
 Seconded – Commissioner Reimer
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

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***18. DONATIONS**

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

| Donation to: | Amount | Description | Donation Provided by |
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| Wildlife Diversity Program | \$25.00 | Funds to support the Wildlife Diversity Program | Marilyn Wallace |

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| Wildlife Diversity Program | \$50.00 | Funds to support the Wildlife Diversity Program | MOC-Floyd Valley Community Schools |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$50.00 | 1 \$50 gift card as a prize for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Vicki Herbst, Four Seasons Bait & Tackle |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$50.00 | 1 \$50 gift card as a prize for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Diane Casper, Jerry's Live Bait & Tackle |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$50.00 | 1 \$50 gift card as a prize for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Theisen's of Dubuque |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$50.00 | 1 \$50 gift card as a prize for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | The Baker's Pantry |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$50.00 | 1 \$50 gift card as a prize for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Hy Vee |
| Lacey-Keosauqua State Park | \$90.00 | Repair by welding JD mower deck. | David McQuoid, McQuoid Welding |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$100.00 | 2 \$50 gift cards as prizes for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Joel Frye, Scheel's All Sports |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$100.00 | 2 \$50 gift cards as prizes for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Lola Hodge, Cappel's Ace Hardware |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$100.00 | 2 \$50 gift cards as prizes for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Dave Nitzel, Sportsman's Warehouse |
| Wapsipinicon St. Park | \$150.00 | Hand painted artwork of turkeys. | Dolores Chadwell |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$150.00 | 3 \$50 gift cards as prizes for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Linda Mildestein, Fin & Feather |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$250.00 | 5 \$50 gift cards as prizes for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Bass Pro Shops |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$250.00 | 5 \$50 gift cards as prizes for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Rod Dereus, Bass Pro Shops |
| DNR Adventure Ready license promotion | \$500.00 | 10 \$50 gift cards as prizes for the DNR Adventure Ready license promotion. | Jeff Borgardt, Mills Fleet & Farm |
| Fisheries Research/Lake Restoration Lake Mapping Project | \$1,049.00 | Hummingbird 798ci HD SI unit; a side imaging sonar for mapping underwater fish habitat. | LakeMaster Lake Maps |
| George Wyth State Park | \$1,471.95 | Funds to purchase fishing gear, tackle, first aid kits in memory of her husband, Ron Norris. | Sharon Norris |
| Green Valley State Park | \$2,200.00 | A high pressure sprayer unit that slides into the back of a utility vehicle that can be used to provide water for controlled prairie burns, cleaning of restrooms, and applying herbicides to control noxious vegetation in the park. | Doug Jones, President High Lakes Outdoor Alliance |
| Stephens State Forest | \$2,305.00 | Funds to be used toward equestrian trail improvements at Stephens State Forest. | Sharon Ellis |
| Stephens State Forest | \$2,500.00 | Funds to be used for Stephens State Forest campground improvements on behalf of | Plumb Supply |

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***19. CONTRACT WITH KALKOMEY ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR RECREATIONAL EDUCATION MATERIALS**

The Department requests Commission approval of a one year agreement, with the option to renew two additional years, with Kalkomey Enterprises, Inc., to provide the recreational safety education programs with printed manuals, handbooks, and videos for our Hunter Education Program, Boating Education, ATV Education, and Snowmobile Education. The contract period is from July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014. The total amount of the contract shall not exceed \$50,000, annually. The contract will be funded by Recreational Boating Safety Federal Grant, Boat Registration Fees, Hunter Education Federal Grant, ATV Registrations, and Snowmobile Registrations. The Department solicited bids from targeted small businesses and also published the request on the Department of Administrative Services website. Kalkomey Enterprises, Inc., Dallas, TX, was the sole bidder on this project. The Department has had prior contracts with Kalkomey for materials for Hunter Education, Boating Education, ATV Education, and Snowmobile Education. They currently are the only vendor who is able to provide a complete and consistent suite of education materials which meets the Department’s needs. The material is produced, designed, and developed by a team of writers, videographers, and graphic designers. Kalkomey Enterprises is a well respected vendor in the outdoor education community and is used by nearly all 50 states.

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20. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

20.1. LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK, VAULT LATRINES AT BOAT RAMPS

JOHNSON COUNTY-- PROJECT # 13-06-52-02

Project Summary: This project consists of installing a

new single vault latrine at the main boat ramp on the north side of the park, the demolition of two existing vault latrine buildings at the sailboat ramp, and the installation of a new double vault latrine building. Both boat ramps are heavily used and Lake Macbride State Park is a very busy park serving the nearby Iowa City/Coralville metropolitan area. Portable toilets were currently utilized to serve as toilet facilities at the main boat ramp. Toilet rental fees have caused significant impact to the annual operations budget. These toilets on occasion were blown over or were vandalized. Portable toilets were not provided during winter months due to low usage. Winter hikers and ice fisherman have to use an outdated and non-ADA compliant 1930s toilet facility about 400 yards up the road. This new main boat ramp vault latrine will help the park operations budget and will be easy to clean and maintain. It is located near the main boat ramp and a shoreline trail. It will be more accessible to all users and ADA compliant. The sailboat area boat ramp is located on the south side of the park. This sailboat area is the busiest boat ramp and picnic area on the south side of the park. The sailboat storage sites and the two popular shelters are also located in this area. Toilet facilities were provided by two double vault latrines constructed in 1976. They are constructed of wood and cement blocks; the buildings have deteriorated and are non-appealing. One of the latrines is not ADA compliant. Their design causes offensive odors to flow up from the sewage vault. Flies and mosquitoes are quite thick inside of these latrines during the recreational season and are quite unpleasant. Replacing these two old vault latrines with one new style double vault will be an amenity to the area. It will be located next to the ramp and near the shelters. The new latrine will be ADA compliant. Despite staff’s cleaning efforts, these two old and poorly designed vault latrines are a constant source of complaints from park visitors. **Function of the Project:** To enhance the use of the boat ramp locations by constructing a vault latrine at the main boat ramp and replacing two existing latrines at the sailboat ramp with a double vault latrine. **Construction Needed:** Work includes installation of two new vault latrines in two locations at the main boat ramp; the installation of underground utilities, and provide concrete access. In addition, the project replaces two old vault latrines at the sailboat area boat ramp with one new double vault latrine. Other work includes necessary utility work, concrete flatwork, site restoration and incidental items as required. **Green Features:** Solar powered interior lighting. These new latrines also have a large venting pipe each, which terminates higher than the roof ridgeline. A solar powered fan is installed to vent the offensive odors. This would minimize odors coming up through the toilet.

DNR Project Manager: Mandi Aldrich-Peters, PE; Engineering Bureau
Designer: Mandi Aldrich-Peters, PE; Engineering Bureau
DNR Inspector: Bruce Flippin, PE; Engineering Bureau
Operating Bureau: Parks and Preserves
Funding Source: 50% Marine Fuel Tax; 50% Federal-Boat Safety Coast Guard Capital Link #159
Cost Estimate: \$96,000
Plans Issue Date: 4/26/13
Bid Letting Date: 5/16/13
Plan Holders: 8

Number of Bids Received: 3

Bidders

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| Triple B Construction | Wilton, IA | \$93,860.00 |
| FL Krapfl Company Inc | Dyersville, IA | \$105,920.00 |
| Boulder Contracting LLC | Grundy Center, IA | \$109,375.00 |

IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to Triple B Construction.

Motion – Commissioner Branstad
 Seconded – Commissioner Clement
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

20.2. WILSON ISLAND STATE PARK, FLOOD DAMAGE REMEDIATION & CAMPGROUND UPGRADE

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY -- PROJECT # 12-04-78-08 **Project Summary:** This project consists of extensive remediation work to the infrastructure and the park due to damage from the 2011 flood. A new 80x45 shop/office building will be constructed along with several campsite upgrades. The shop/office building will have one large open office, a conference room, and a three heated-bay shop area. Improvements to the campsites will include resurfacing, electrical service upgrades and the addition of guest parking features. Some of the low-lying campsites will be relocated and moved to higher elevation to minimize future flooding impacts. Campground upgrades includes construction of a twin RV dump stations and new road to improve traffic flow through the park. This project also includes major silt removal and re-grading of the park to improve water drainage during rain events. Four new non-discharging onsite wastewater treatment systems will be constructed to treat the wastewater. A shower building, previously approved, was never constructed due to same 2011 flood and will be added to this project. The shower is a prefabricated concrete building with four shower rooms, a men bathroom, and a women bathroom. **Function of the Project:** The main objective of this project is to redevelop the park as it was heavily damaged by the floods of 2011. Along with reconstruction, improvements will be made to electrical, wastewater utilities, and roads. The storm water drainage and site plan were designed and to be constructed to minimize impact during storm events. Improvements were added to this project to improve traffic flow patterns within the park. **Green Features:** Wastewater Treatment: Iowa Water Quality Standards and Anti Degradation Policy for the Iowa Water Ways encourage treated wastewater from onsite treatment systems to use ground percolation as means of final disposal. These non-discharging systems have no water degradation impact on the receiving streams and help to achieve NPDES goals for the state. All the wastewater produced in the park will be treated by four different onsite treatment systems and will be percolated back into the ground.

Shop/Office building:

- Standing Seam Metal Roof – Life expectancy 50+ years – fully recyclable.
- Structural Insulated Panels – Insulated resistance R-42.
- LED lighting (full cut-off) used on all evening security and way-finding lights.
- Cement Fiber Siding – Recycled content & recyclable when finish has expired.
- Pervious paving throughout equipment yard.
- Oil separators – Automatically contains oil spills within premises.
- Photo sensors on garage bay lights – Monitors and dims lights to appropriate levels.
- Nylon Carpeting with recycled content / low-VOC.
- Energy efficient windows / local fabrication – Fiberglass.

- Ultra low-flow plumbing fixtures.

DNR Project Manager: “Mike” Shahid Hameed, PE; Engineering Bureau
Designer: Bob Griffin, PE; Ehrhart Griffin & Associates
 Ryan Richey, NCARB; Engineering Bureau
 “Mike” Shahid Hameed, PE; Engineering Bureau
DNR Inspector: Mark Johnson; Engineering Bureau
Operating Bureau: Parks
Funding Source: 66% Executive Council & 33% FEMA
Cost Estimate: \$3,362,000
 Capital Links #253 & #254
Plans Issue Date: 5/3/2013
Bid Letting Date: 6/5/2013
Plan Holders: 25
Number of Bids Received: 3

Bidders

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| Thompson Construction Inc. | Arlington, NE | \$2,485,325.40 |
| K & L Landscape & Construction | Sergeant Bluff, IA | \$3,064,723.65 |
| Hawkins Construction Company | Omaha, NE | \$3,226,172.91 |

IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to Thompson Construction Inc.

Motion – Commissioner Francisco
 Seconded – Commissioner Reimer
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

20.3. LOST GROVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, MAIN BOAT RAMPS

SCOTT COUNTY -- PROJECT # 08-06-82-05 Project Summary: This project consists of constructing three boating facilities. Each facility will include a boat ramp, concrete parking lot, and gravel access road. This project is one of the final major projects for building infrastructure at Lost Grove Lake. Lost Grove Lake is a newly constructed lake and was originally conceived in 1983, with a purpose of providing a recreational fishing lake in eastern Iowa area with a dense population that did not have close access to a lake. Land purchases began in 1988 and the dam embankment construction began in 2010, with the project reaching substantial completion in the summer of 2012. Currently, the lake is being filled. Multiple construction projects have been completed to protect the lake from sedimentation. Prior to embankment construction and in cooperation with the local NRCS office, thirteen sediment basins were constructed around the lake, including an in-lake silt dam. Culvert risers, designed by Scott County and administered by DNR, have been constructed on both major streams feeding the lake. Culvert risers are small water control structures designed to hold water back upstream from a roadway culvert. Concurrent with embankment construction, several infrastructure projects have been constructed. Much of the vulnerable shoreline has been armored and fish habitat has been constructed. Parking lots, fishing jetties, fishing piers, canoe accesses, and rock paths have been constructed to improve access to the lake. This project is one of the final major construction phases. Future projects for this area include an additional sediment basin, a dog training area, and paving the boat ramp access roads with concrete. **Function of the Project:** This project will provide access to the lake. Six boat ramp lanes will be constructed along with a total of 60 car-and-trailer parking spaces and 12 single-car spaces. **Construction Needed:** Earthwork and concrete paving will be required for this project. The lake has not yet completely filled, so ramps may be cast-in-place. **Green Features:** The parking lot locations were selected minimizes storm water runoff into the lake. Each parking lot has a grassy or vegetative barrier to treat storm runoff before reaching the lake. The concrete pavement of the parking lots can be recycled as road base material at the end of its design life.

DNR Project Manager: Heath Delzell, PE; Engineering Bureau
Designer: Heath Delzell, PE; Engineering Bureau
DNR Inspector: Bruce Flippin, PE; Engineering Bureau
Operating Bureau: Wildlife
Funding Source: 40% MFT, 30% F&W Trust - Fisheries, 30% Federal-Boat Safety (Coast Guard)

Capital Links #83 & #128

Cost Estimate: \$1,400,000
Plans Issue Date: 4/26/13
Bid Letting Date: 5/16/13
Plan Holders: 21
Number of Bids Received: 11

Bidders

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| BWC Excavating LC | Solon, IA | \$919,892.70 |
| Langman Construction, Inc. | Rock Island, IL | \$1,097,720.40 |
| Wicks Construction Inc. | Decorah, IA | \$1,104,945.65 |
| Fye Excavating | Sperry, IA | \$1,114,604.00 |
| Smith Seeding Inc | Eldridge, IA | \$1,130,808.04 |
| McCarthy Improvement Company | Davenport, IA | \$1,132,927.00 |
| Valley Construction Company | Rock Island, IL | \$1,168,352.55 |
| Brandt Construction Co. | Milan, IL | \$1,168,953.00 |
| Hawkeye Paving Corporation | Bettendorf, IA | \$1,234,867.50 |
| Ardo Schmidt Construction Inc. | Preston, IA | \$1,234,876.13 |
| Portzen Construction, Inc. | Dubuque, IA | \$1,537,512.25 |

IDNR recommends awarding the Bid to BWC Excavating LC.

Motion – Commissioner Francisco
 Seconded – Commissioner Reimer
 Discussion – Mike McGhee provided information regarding the watershed drainage area and the basins that have been built. He will inquire on funding for possible public education efforts.
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

21. SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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

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

| Bid Date | Project No. | Location | County | Summary | Cost Estimate | Bids |
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| 4/23/2013 | 13-04-39-06 Parks | Springbrook State Park | Guthrie | Abandoning an existing underground pressure tank, installing three pressure tanks and associated controls. | \$50,000 | \$45,475.00 \$56,780.00 |
| 4/25/2013 | 12-05-77-17 Fisheries | State Fair Building | Polk | Installation of a water chiller, heat exchanger, and power supply at the DNR Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. | \$12,000 | \$14,778.00 \$19,970.00 \$24,200.00 \$24,318.00 |
| 4/25/2013 | 12-06-52-01 Fisheries | Lake Macbride State Park | Johnson | Construct 828' of handicap accessible trail along the west side of the causeway road. | \$17,000 | \$14,722.28 \$16,771.93 \$24,981.10 \$261,923.88 |

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| 4/25/2013 | 13-04-36-03 Wildlife | Riverton WMA | Fremont | Remove sediment 2' deep and 25' wide from 4300' of channel placing and shaping spoil material on one side and 2' deep and 50' wide from 2000' of channel placing and shaping spoil on both sides. Site restoration required for areas above normal water levels. | \$40,000 | \$35,275.00 \$41,387.50 \$99,730.00 |
| 5/2/2013 | 14-05-04-01 Wildlife | Sedan Bottoms | Appanoose | Installation of a stoplog structure for water control. | \$12,000 | \$10,610.00 \$11,873.50 \$24,500.00 \$44,000.00 |
| 5/2/2013 | 13-03-17-01 Wildlife | Ventura Marsh WMA | Cerro Gordo | Excavation of 2 sediment basins in the SW corner of Ventura Marsh WMA. Excavated material to be placed in a designated spoil area. Spoil area will be seeded with a stabilizing crop seeding. | \$8,000 | \$19,140.00 \$24,140.00 |
| 5/2/2013 | 13-03-96-02 Fisheries | Coldwater Creek | Winneshiek | Trout habitat improvement at 10 locations; shaping and stabilizing stream banks, installing bankhides, rootballs, J-Hook weirs, and provide angling access, and seed disturbed areas. | \$30,000 | \$24,996.95 \$28,056.25 \$34,367.50 \$67,181.50 \$83,872.50 \$89,396.93 |
| 5/9/2013 | 13-04-78-02 Parks | Lake Manawa State Park | Pottawattamie | Resurface an existing asphalt parking lot. Asphalt will be applied over existing parking lot to a thickness of 5". Around the perimeter of the newly resurfaced parking lot a 4' granular rock shoulder will be installed. | \$60,000 | \$46,785.00 \$49,920.00 |

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| 5/16/2013 | 09-06-53-01 Parks | Wapsipinicon State Park | Jones | Repair flood damage from the Wapsipinicon River to include silt/gravel removal, granular parking lot resurfacing, removal and disposal of trees, placement of revetment and the relocation of mini-shelters; including the reconstruction of the access road to the mini-shelters. | \$150,000 | \$48,952.35 \$57,445.11 \$72,754.58 \$82,209.52 |
| 5/16/2013 | 12-06-53-02 Parks | Wapsipinicon State Park | Jones | Repair the heated storage roof, trusses and ceiling as well as reconstruct the cold storage bay to its original condition. | \$35,000 | \$18,450.00 \$25,641.00 |

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

| Bid Date | Contract No. | Location | County | Summary | DNR Engineering Consultant | Bids |
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| 5/2/2013 | 13CRDLWBKOP0001-A01 | Klondike Rapids Access Area | Lyon | Landscaping rock purchase and delivery supporting water trails crew habitat, public safety, and access work after dam-to-rapids conversion project completion. | Jeff Felts | \$22,667 |
| 5/7/2013 | 13CRDLWBZKOP0002 | Klondike Rapids Access Area | Lyon | Loader with operator and dump truck to assist with finish grading for water trails crew native plantings and landscaping improvements. | Jeff Felts | \$4,060 \$4,640 |

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22. LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS

22.1 DUGOUT CREEK WMA – DICKINSON Co. – GOODELL

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the acquisition of a tract of land located 2 miles south of Lake Park. Bruce and Jeri Goodell are offering this 106-acre tract for the appraised price of \$132,500.00. The property is adjacent to, and has access from 140th Avenue on the east, and land owned by the Fish & Wildlife Service (managed by the Iowa DNR) on the north. Licensed appraiser, Greg Tritle of Vander Werff and Associates, Sanborn, Iowa submitted the appraisal. The purchase agreement was negotiated by Jerry Gibson. The subject tract has 102.89 acres that are encumbered by a WRP easement; 1.99 acres of unencumbered non-economic land; and 1.12 acres of road right-of-way. Dugout Creek has the largest glacial calcareous fen complex in Iowa. The tract contains three calcareous fens with continuous flowing water. After restoration the tract now contains 69.4 acres seeded to native prairie species; 14 acres of old pasture (prairie remnant); 10.6 acres of fen wetlands; 1.12 acres of ROW; and 8.3 acres of restored wetlands that will provide watershed protection and water quality improvement. The acquisition will provide additional upland nesting habitat for migratory game and non-

game wildlife species. There are no buildings. The property will be managed by the Wildlife Bureau. Acquisition funding will be a federal NAWCA Grant. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

Motion – Commissioner Schemmel
 Seconded – Commissioner Branstad
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

22.2 ELK LAKE WMA – CLAY CO. – SALTON

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to acquire a tract of land located 10 miles east and three miles south of Spencer. This 77-acre tract is offered by Larry Salton, Linda Salton, and the Estate of Kenneth Salton for the appraised price of \$384,900.00. Licensed appraiser, Greg Tritle, of Vander Werff and Associates, Inc., Sanborn, Iowa submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement. The property is located adjacent to the south and east sides of 260-acre Elk Lake. Acquisition of the tract will allow protection of approximately 3,550' of shoreline, and 20 acres of prairie. The property has excellent public access from 340th Avenue along the east side, and is adjacent to state-owned land on the southern border and federal land on the northern border. Acquisition will also protect the habitat from rural residential development that the appraiser noted has happened on nearby Silver Lake. The property consists of 37.2 acres of cropland; 37.9 acres of non-crop (pasture/recreation) land; and 1.88 acres of road right-of-way. After development the property will consist of 10 acres of suitable for food plots; 18 acres of pasture; 27.1 acres of native prairie seeding; 20 acres of restored wetlands; and 1.88 acres of road ROW. There are no buildings. The property will be managed by the Wildlife Bureau. Acquisition funding will be a federal NAWCA Grant. Incidental closing costs are the responsibility of the Department. Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

Motion – Commissioner Branstad
 Seconded – Commissioner Schemmel
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

22.3 UNION HILLS WPA – CERRO GORDO CO. – INHF

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Cerro Gordo County adjacent to the north boundary of the DNR managed Union Hills Waterfowl Production Area (WPA). The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation offers this 51.67 acre tract for \$425,000. The appraised value is \$444,000. Fred Greder, Licensed Appraiser of Mason City, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. The property is located in southwest Cerro Gordo County 8 miles southeast of Ventura, Iowa. This addition to Union Hills WPA will be the cornerstone tract for a 200 acre wetland basin restoration project. A majority of the property is within a 100 year flood zone. The irregularly shaped tract is characterized as 49.6 acres tillable ground with a 0.5 acre building site. The building site contains a 3,200 square foot Lester wood-frame pole building. The property will be managed by the Wildlife Bureau. Acquisition funding will be 75% Pittman-Robertson and 25% Wildlife Habitat Stamp. The property will remain on the Cerro Gordo 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 acquisition.

Motion – Commissioner Prickett
 Seconded – Commissioner Reimer
 Discussion – Todd Bishop provided information on the future use of the pole building.
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

*22.4 OCHEYDAN WMA – CLAY CO. – DOT

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a transfer of jurisdiction agreement with the Iowa DOT as a result of the highway being constructed north of the section line instead of on the section line as planned. The subject tract is approximately 2 miles west of the north junction of U.S. Hwy. 18 and U.S. Hwy. 71

(north of Spencer) and adjacent to the south boundary of Ocheyday Wildlife Management Area. Consideration for this permanent transfer of jurisdiction is Mutual Benefit. Certain real property owned by the State of Iowa in Clay County was acquired by the Iowa DNR for the Use and Benefit of the State of Iowa in 1996. The Iowa DOT has had use of a small part of said property for a public highway since 1930. It has just now come to the attention of the Iowa DOT that the alignment was actually constructed north of the original plans. The Iowa DOT is asking Iowa DNR to relinquish its jurisdiction and access control over 4.39 acres, inclusive of 0.11 acre, to the Iowa DOT. The transfer does not affect public use of or DNR management of the area. Said real estate agreement and interagency transfer of jurisdiction is duly authorized by Chapter 28E and Sections 306.4 of the Code of Iowa. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

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***22.5 HAWTHORN LAKE WMA – MAHASKA CO. – DUNNICK**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a permanent easement for storage of water and retention of silt adjacent north of Hawthorn Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in northeastern Mahaska County. The donors are Arnout and Janet Dunnick. The easement shall serve as temporary and permanent storage of water and retention of silt on an area totaling approximately 0.4 acres lying below top of an earthen structure. This easement grant was negotiated by Rick Hansen of the department. This property is located adjacent north of Hawthorn Lake WMA in Section 3 of Pleasant Gove Township. The easement segment is grassland and drainage ditch. The earthen dam will be located on State land. The structure will be designed to trap sediment and to impound water to reduce runoff of soil and nutrients into Hawthorn Lake. The project will cause water impoundment and sediment retention within the basin and located on a portion of the subject property. During extreme precipitation runoff, floodwater could result in occasional flooding to the top of the structure's elevation. This easement will become part of the Hawthorn Lake WMA, and will be managed by the Wildlife Bureau in accord with the area management plan. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Staff recommends approval of the easement acquisition.

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***23. LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT - MINNE ESTEMA AREA – BENTON CO. – BENTON CCB**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the renewal of a management agreement with the Benton County Conservation Board and the DNR. This agreement authorizes the Benton County Conservation Board to manage Minne Estema Area through 2037. Benton CCB has managed the area since 1987. The agreement covers an approximately 63 acre historic river park located 8 miles north of Vinton on the Cedar River providing river access and secluded campsites. Rolling hills, tree-lined trails and prairie/wetland restoration projects are in progress. Benton County is also planning to upgrade the campground by removing some of the gravel pads and adding vegetative barriers between the pads to make the park more attractive and establish some of the lost habitat within the park. The County desires to continue management of the area. Staff recommends approving the agreement.

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA

24. DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS

Chuck Corell shared that the Mississippi River Parkway Commission has a vacant ex-officio seat for an NRC Commissioner if there is an interest. Commissioner Francisco provided information regarding the possible role. Commissioner Underwood asked for interested members and she will contact Commissioner Clement to see if he has an interest. Chuck distributed a draft letter for the NRC's review for their request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for waterfowl funding. Commissioner Underwood asked that any edits be sent to her. Chuck provided information that we are preparing a Commission item guidebook to assist staff with the preparation of Commission briefs. We will plan on providing a draft to the Commission at July's meeting for input. Chuck reviewed the H2O website and showed how easy it is to use and sign up.

25. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Boating Regulations at Lake Macbride and Statewide – Chuck Corell discussed the Lake Macbride regulations the legislature has set. Perry Wendel, Solon, Iowa, Johnson County, shared the history of his boating experience and his desire to have the 5mph restriction lifted at Lake Macbride. Mr. Wendel was encouraged to contact his legislator since this is a legislative issue versus a Department regulation.
- NRC Goal Setting – Commissioner Underwood challenged the Commission, at the July meeting, to set some goals for the Commission. In preparation, she encouraged them to take a look at the Department's strategic plan and review the NRC's legislative report which will provide a background and set the stage for the next legislative report.
- Commissioner Francisco reported that an email was sent to the Waterfowl Working Group to see if there was an interest in meeting before the waterfowl regulations were brought before the NRC in July. So far, only one person responded he was interested, so it looks like there probably won't be a meeting. Commissioner Schemmel inquired if any recommendations had come from this group, as was the intent of its formation. Commissioner Francisco reported no changes were indicated at the March meeting for the Notice of Intended Action. Also, former NRC Commissioner Drees used to be on the Working Group and wanted to invite an NRC member to replace him. Commissioner Branstad expressed an interest in serving.
- Commissioner Prickett commented that friends of hers reported this has been the best fishing they have had this year. She expressed regret at not being at the training yesterday or being able to attend in person today. She also expressed thanks for the Division's development of the commission item guidelines and staff's work on the Green Valley State Park item.
- Commissioner Reimer expressed appreciation for the great amount of education being provided and she has, also, talked with Gabe Lee regarding visiting some construction projects happening on her side of the state.
- Commissioner Underwood shared that she attended the first Green Ribbon Commission with the Parks' Foundation in May. She noted it is a two year appointment representing the NRC and she will keep the Commission updated.

Lunchtime Presentation: Engineering Green Features (Rain Gardens – Mandi Aldrich-Peters, IA DNR
Engineering, Recycled Board Material – David Phillips, ReWall)

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Commissioner Schemmel
Seconded – Commissioner Reimer
Decision - Approved by Unanimous Vote
With no further business to come before the Natural Resource Commission, Chair Underwood
adjourned the meeting on 06/13/13 at 2:49pm.

CARRIED – MEETING ADJOURNED

UPCOMING NRC MEETING DATES

- July 11, 2013 - Henry Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, 9:30am
- August 08, 2013 - Henry Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, 9:30am
- September 5, 2013 - Mines of Spain/EB Lyons Interpretive Ctr, Dubuque, IA, 8:30am
- October 10, 2013 - Henry Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, 9:30am