

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

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Land Acquisition Projects

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**1. Peterson Wildlife Management Area, Dickinson County – Edwin Tindall**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a permanent flowage easement in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 28-T100N, R35West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dickinson County, Iowa lying below the elevation of 1480 feet MSL (mean sea level). This donation is provided by Edwin Tindall. The easement area consists of approximately 2 acres.

Jerry Gibson negotiated the permanent easement.

The DNR is responsible for managing the existing water outlet control structure for a marsh located on the adjoining (south) State-owned land. The DNR intends to set and maintain the aluminum toe wall structure, and any replacement structure that DNR may construct, up to an elevation of 1480 ft. MSL.

No surveying costs are anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

**2. Muskrat Slough Wildlife Management Area, Jones County – Matthew McQuillen**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Jones County located northwest of state-owned and managed Muskrat Slough Wildlife Management Area. Matthew McQuillen offers this 15-acre tract for the appraised price of \$38,250. The seller will retain the cropping rights through the end of 2010.

Jamie Nabb, Licensed Appraiser of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Travis Baker negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located three miles west of Olin and eight miles southeast of Anamosa. The nearly level to moderately-sloped tract is comprised of 14.5 acres of cropland with a Corn Suitability Rating of 38.1.

This tract will increase the Muskrat Slough area to 693 acres, and will add high quality diversity to the existing wetland complex. The acquisition will provide upland nesting habitat, improve surface water quality, and enhance public recreation to this area. In addition, this acquisition will provide protection to the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid which is a federally threatened and state

endangered species. The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property in accord with the area management plan.

Acquisition funding will be provided by 75% Federal Section 6 (Endangered Species) and 25% from REAP License Plate (Capital Link #162). The property will remain on the property tax rolls. Incidental closing, fencing and survey costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Staff recommends approval of this land acquisition.

Attachment

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