

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Land Management Project Approval

1. Chapter 18 Lease Renewal, Allamakee Co. - S&S Rentals, Inc

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the renewal of Chapter 18 Lease Number 106-R with S&S Rentals, Inc. of Lansing, Iowa.

The lease is for an area occupying approximately 26 feet of frontage by 65 feet of depth within the ordinary high water line of the Mississippi River at River Mile 662 in Section 33, Township 99 North, Range 3 West in Allamakee County, Iowa, in the City of Lansing. The leased area is part of a marina operation. The lease site is occupied by a 26' x 45' travel lift and well and 60 feet of steel sheet piling for shoreline protection. The area has been under a lease from the state of Iowa since 1999. The current lease is scheduled to expire June 30, 2009.

The City of Lansing is the riparian landowner and has leased the adjacent riparian property to S&S Rentals until 2022.

The lease period will be five years expiring June 30, 2014. The annual rent is \$150 and the administrative fee is \$27. In the event the IAC 571, Chapter 18 fee schedule is amended during the term of this lease, the fee shall be adjusted to meet the revised schedule.

Staff recommends approval of the Chapter 18 lease renewal.

2. Chapter 18 Lease Renewal, Muscatine Co. - W.G. Block Company

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the renewal of Chapter 18 Lease Number 11-R with W.G. Block Company of Davenport, Iowa.

The lease is for a parcel of land approximately 100 feet in depth by 100 feet of frontage within the bed of the Mississippi River at River Mile 451.2, located one and one-half miles south of the City of Muscatine. The leased area is part of a commercial dock facility that handles sand. W.G. Block has leased this area from the state of Iowa since June 1974.

The lease period will be five years expiring June 30, 2014. The annual rent is \$600 and the administrative fee is \$108. In the event the IAC 571, Chapter 18 fee schedule is amended during the term of this lease, the fee shall be adjusted to meet the revised schedule.

Staff recommends approval of the Chapter 18 lease renewal.

3. Management Agreement Renewal, Doolittle Prairie Preserve – Story County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve renewal of a management agreement between the Story County Conservation Board and the DNR to authorize County management of Doolittle Prairie Preserve through June 30, 2034.

The agreement covers 26.05 acres acquired by the state in 1979. It was dedicated as a state preserve in 1980. Story County has managed the preserve since 1980. Doolittle Prairie Preserve is a virgin prairie with an excellent stand of prairie grasses and forbs. The proposed agreement will utilize the DNR's standard management agreement modified to ensure management activities will comply with the articles of dedication established in 1980. The Commission and the State Preserves Board must approve all future changes to the management plan. Public access to the area is on a walk in basis from a maintained road on the property. The County owns approximately 16 acres of adjacent prairie that it manages in conjunction with the preserve.

Story County desires to continue to manage the preserve.

Staff recommends approval of the management agreement renewal.

Attachment

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