

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION**

**TELEPHONE MEETING**

**JUNE 26, 2003**

**WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING**  
**DES MOINES, IOWA**

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## MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

The telephone meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Kim Francisco at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2003.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Joan Schneider  
 Randy Duncan  
 Janice Marcantonio  
 Richard Kim Francisco  
 William Sullivan  
 Paul Christiansen

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Carol Kramer

### APPROVE AGENDA

*Motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve the June 26, 2003 NRC agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Marcantonio. Motion carried unanimously.*

**AGENDA APPROVED**

### CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Linda Hanson, Division Administrator, Management Services Division, presented the following item.

Bids were opened June 18, 2003 for the following projects:

#### **Honey Creek Destination Park, Appanoose County - Mainline Roadway**

This project consists of the construction of the mainline access roadway to the Destination Park, and incidental work as required by the Plans and/or the DNR Construction Inspector. This project is budgeted 100% Special Appropriation. The CSB estimate is \$444,000. Thirty-two sets of plans were requested. Eight bids were received.

Saxton, Inc.	Leon, IA	\$ 271,909.68
Kevin Kent Construction.	Lucas, IA	\$ 274,250.63
Cole Construction Co., Inc.	Keosauqua, IA	\$ 323,820.86

Bud Heckert & Sons, Inc	Ottumwa, IA	\$ 348,611.76
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	Reinbeck, IA	\$ 366,222.83
Watsabaugh & Sons Const, dba W & S Construction	Derby, IA	\$ 367,040.94
Elder Corporation	Des Moines, IA	\$ 418,712.00
John W. Sammons Const. Co., Inc.	Keokuk, IA	\$ 492,007.48

Staff recommends award of contract to Saxton, Inc., low bidder.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to accept the low bid of Saxton, Inc. of Leon, Iowa in the amount of \$271,909.68 for roadway access to the Destination Park at Honey Creek in Appanoose County. Seconded by Commissioner Christiansen. Motion carried unanimously.*

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED**

### **Beeds Lake State Park, Franklin County - Water Distribution System**

This project consists of the construction of a water distribution system, water treatment/storage building and other related work.. This project is budgeted 100% Restore the Outdoors funds. DNR estimate is \$ 193,980. Eleven sets of plans were requested. Three bids were received.

Dan Nekola, dba Elberon Hardware	Elberon, IA	\$ 124,905.40
Scott Brown, dba Brown Pump Service	Arlington, IA	\$ 153,257.00
Mort's Water Company	Latimer, IA	\$ 200,774.93

Staff recommends award of contract to Dan Nekola, dba Elberon Hardware, low bidder.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Marcantonio to approve the low bid of Dan Nekola, dba Elberon Hardware, Elberon, Iowa, in the amount of \$124,905.40 for construction of a water distribution system at Beeds Lake State Park in Franklin County. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Badger Creek WMA, Madison County - Toe Drain at Dam**

This project consists of the installation of a new PVC pipe toe drain at the dam and incidental work as required by the Plans and/or the DNR Construction Inspector. This project is budgeted 100% Marine Fuel Tax funds. DNR estimate is \$66,700. Thirteen sets of plans were requested. Three bids were received.

K. M. King, Inc.	Burlington, IA	\$ 65,892.00
Watsabaugh & Sons Const. dba W & S Const.	Derby, IA	\$ 72,062.00
Herberger Construction Co., Inc.	Indianola, IA	\$ 86,700.00

Staff recommends award of contract to K. M. King, Inc., low bidder.

Linda Hanson explained that there has been a water problem at this location for a long time. This work is preventative to insure there is not dam failure in the future.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the low bid of K.M. King, Inc. of Burlington, Iowa, in the amount of \$ 65,892.00 for toe drain construction at the dam at Badger Creek WMA in Madison County. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider.*

Basil Nimry, Bureau Chief, described a toe drain. He explained that during a study two years ago for raising the dam and increasing the water surface of the lake, the wet spot was identified. The geotechnical engineer identified the wet spot as something that needed to be addressed. His advice was taken seriously and a contract was issued to fix the problem.

Commissioner Schneider asked if there are future plans to raise the dam. Mr. Nimry responded that is open for discussion but the cost seems to be prohibitive. He explained that developers have beat us to the punch in acquiring more land in the upper watershed and are building expensive homes around the entire area in the county. He added that unless there is an infusion of additional funds, the lake will probably stay at the normal water pool.

Linda Hanson noted that the Conservation and Recreation Division will have to determine its priorities for these various improvements or new lakes.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED**

**Viking Lake State Park, Montgomery County - Sewer System**

This project consists of a new outlet for the sewer system for the residence and shop and incidental work as required by the Plans and/or the DNR Construction Inspector. This project is budgeted 100% in Restore the Outdoors funds. DNR estimate is \$ 52,700. Nine sets of plans were requested. Four bids were received.

K. M. King, Inc.	Burlington, IA	\$ 38,650.00
Bedford Builders Supply, Inc.	Bedford, IA	\$ 44,235.00
Mark Albenesius Inc.	Dakota City, NE	\$ 79,935.00
Jackson Creek Enterprises L.C.	Allerton, IA	\$ 82,068.50

Staff recommends award of contract to K. M. King, Inc., low bidder.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Marcantonio to approve the low bid of K. M. King, Inc. of Burlington, Iowa in the amount of \$38,650.00 for sewer system construction at Viking Lake State Park in Montgomery County. Seconded by Commissioner Christiansen. Motion carried unanimously.*

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED**

### **Brushy Creek SRA, Webster County - Electrical System, Non-Equestrian Campground**

This project consists of the construction of 47 granular surfaced camp pads and the installation of electrical service to 47 sites and other related work as required by the Plans and/or the DNR Construction Inspector. This project is budgeted in Restore the Outdoors (RTO) fund and Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) funds. DNR estimate is \$136,830. Thirty-one sets of plans were requested. Seven bids were received.

Nikkel & Associates, Inc.	Ames, IA	\$ 103,439.24
Cole Excavating	Greene, IA	\$ 112,092.40
Holland Contracting Corp.	Forest City, IA	\$ 120,831.02
Dan Nekola, dba Elberon Hardware	Elberon, IA	\$ 121,101.14
McDowell & Sons Contractors Inc.	Iowa Falls, IA	\$ 123,996.34
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	Reinbeck, IA	\$ 135,486.86
KWS, Inc.	Cedar Falls, IA	\$ 144,881.50

Staff recommends award of contract to Nikkel & Associates, Inc., low bidder.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve the low bid of Nikkel & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$ 103,439.24 for electrical work at Brushy Creek State Recreation Area in Webster County. Seconded by Commissioner Marcantonio. Motion carried unanimously.*

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED**

### **LAND ACQUISITION**

Linda Hanson, Division Administrator, Management Services Division, presented the following item.

#### **Big Sioux River, Lyon County—Lorna and Donald Horn**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Lyon County. This 70.5-acre tract is offered by Lorna and Donald Horn of Larchwood, Iowa for the discounted/bargain sale price of \$50,000. The property is appraised for \$60,000.00.

Licensed appraiser John Wedebrand, and appraiser, Greg Tritle of Vander Werff and Associates, Inc., Sanborn, Iowa submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement.

The property is located at the corner of Ashley Avenue and 180<sup>th</sup> Street, which is 4 miles south and 4 miles west of Larchwood adjacent to the Big Sioux River. Ashley Avenue bisects the property with access from the Big Sioux River on the west as well as 180<sup>th</sup> Street on the south. The property consists of 20 acres of cropland of which 8.8 acres are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program through 2010; 28 acres of timber/pasture; 17 acres of abandoned gravel pit; and 5.5 acres of road right-of-way and waste. There are no buildings on the site. The sellers have

earned the 2003 CRP payment and will retain the remainder of CRP payments. The sellers will be responsible for compliance with the CRP contract.

Since a zoning change was made in Lyon County, this tract and others are receiving increased pressure from Sioux Falls' residents for rural residential sites. This is a critical acquisition. It will allow the DNR to protect the 2,800 feet of river frontage and artifact sites (seven Indian mounds) from development; provide water quality protection of the river and major rural water well located in the northwest corner; protect the existing habitat for wild turkey, deer, bald eagle and other migrating species of raptors; and re-establish 27 acres of native prairie.

The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property for upland game habitat; improvement of water quality; and many forms of outdoor recreation. Surveying costs to mark the boundaries are estimated at \$1500.00. No fencing costs are anticipated.

Acquisition funding will be from the federal Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Program (75%--\$42,750), a donation from the Lyon County Chapter of Pheasants Forever (25%--\$7250), and the Horn family bargain sale. Incidental closing costs are the responsibility of the Department.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to purchase 70.5 acres of land located in Lyon County at the Big Sioux River from Lorna and Donald Horn of Larchwood, Iowa for the discounted/bargain sale price of \$50,000. Seconded by Commissioner Christiansen. Motion carried unanimously.*

**LAND ACQUISITION APPROVED**

**Gladfelter Marsh (Eagle Lake NAWCA), Hancock County—Larry & Betty Wood**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Hancock County. This 40-acre tract is offered by Larry and Betty Wood of Woden, Iowa for the discounted price of \$65,000. The appraised price is \$73,000.00. Twenty acres of the property are enrolled in the federal Farmable Wetland Program (FWP) of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Licensed appraiser, Donald P. Kern of Smith Land Service Company, Atlantic, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement.

The property is located approximately two miles south and east of Crystal Lake adjacent to the west side of the 425-acre Gladfelter Marsh. The property has excellent access on the north from a local county road (300<sup>th</sup> Street). The property consists of 36 acres of cropland and 4 acres of waste and road right of way. There are no buildings. The sellers will retain FWP-CRP annual payments (\$3,438) starting in 2004 and running through 2008. They will be responsible for compliance with the FWP contract, which expires in 2018.

The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property to create waterfowl and upland game habitat; improve water quality through natural filtration; and provide outdoor recreation. No fencing or surveying costs are anticipated.

Acquisition funding will be North American Wetland Conservation Act — Eagle Lake. Funding must be obligated prior to July 13, 2003. Incidental closing costs are the responsibility of the Department.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Christiansen to approve the purchase of a 40-acre tract of land at Gladfelter Marsh in Hancock County from Larry and Betty Wood of Woden, Iowa for the discounted price of \$65,000. Seconded by Commissioner Marcantonio. Motion carried unanimously.*

**LAND ACQUISITION APPROVED**

**Gladfelter Marsh (Eagle Lake NAWCA), Hancock County—Robert and Sheila Willms**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Hancock County. Robert and Sheila Willms of Britt, Iowa offer this 40-acre tract for the appraised price of \$66,600.

Licensed appraiser, Donald P. Kearns of Smith Land Service Company, Atlantic, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement.

The property is located approximately two miles south and east of Crystal Lake adjacent to the west side of the 425-acre Gladfelter Marsh. Access to the property is from land owned by the State of Iowa on the east with potential northern access from a local county road (300<sup>th</sup> Street). The property consists of 40 acres of cropland enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program through 2008. There are no buildings on this tract of land. The sellers have earned the 2003 CRP payment and will retain the 2004 and 2005 annual CRP payments. The sellers will be responsible for compliance with the CRP contract. This tract of land is adjacent to the southern boundary of the Wood tract that is proposed for acquisition.

The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property to create waterfowl and upland game habitat; improve water quality through natural filtration; and provide outdoor recreation. No fencing or surveying costs are anticipated.

Acquisition funding will be North American Wetland Conservation Act — Eagle Lake. Funding must be obligated prior to July 13, 2003. Incidental closing costs are the responsibility of the Department.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve the purchase of a 40-acre tract at Gladfelter Marsh (Eagle Lake NAWCA) in Hancock County from Robert and Sheila Willms of*

*Britt for the appraised price of \$66,600. Seconded by Commissioner Christiansen. Motion carried unanimously.*

**LAND ACQUISITION APPROVED**

**FY 2004 CAPITAL PLAN**

Linda Hanson, Administrator, Management Services Division, presented the following item.

**DNR CAPITALS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS  
SUMMARY FOR FY 2004**

Fund Source	FY 03 Carryover	FY 04 Approp.	Total
Tobacco Fund Settlement			
Destination Park	\$700 ,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,700,000
Restore the Outdoors	\$538,000	\$2,500,000	<u>\$3,038,000</u>
<b>Total Tobacco Fund</b>			<b>\$6,738,000</b>
Environment First Fund			
REAP Open Space*		\$3,132,000	\$3,132,000
REAP Land Management*		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Marine Fuel Tax	\$220,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,520,000
Lake & Stream Restoration		\$1,000,000	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<b>Total Environment First Fund</b>			<b>\$7,652,000</b>
<b>Fish &amp; Wildlife Trust Fund</b>			<b>\$5,400,000</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Institutional Roads</b>			<b>\$2,872,000</b>
<b>Sewage Revolving Loan Fund</b>			<b><u>\$664,000</u></b>
<b>Total for all funding sources</b>			<b>\$23,326,000</b>

\*NOTE: Calculated per the REAP formula based on the \$11 million appropriation, plus \$650,000 in receipts from interest and natural resource license plates receipts.

**Destination Park  
FY 2004**

Area	Description	State	Federal/Other	Total
Honey Creek State Park	Sanitary system, trails, day use areas, campground	\$3,700,000		\$3,700,000

**Restore the Outdoors  
FY 2004**

Area	Description	State	Fed/Other	Total
Green Valley	Residence addition	\$70,000		\$70,000
Walnut Woods	Restroom and sewer	\$90,000		\$90,000

Beeds Lake	Campground electric upgrade - 70 sites	\$136,000		\$136,000
Pine Lake (1966)	Campground electric upgrade - 75 sites	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
Honey Creek	Campground electric upgrade - 47 sites	\$100,000		\$100,000
Lake Ahquabi	Campground electric upgrade - 85 sites	\$134,000	\$66,000	\$200,000
Springbrook	Well House	\$60,000		\$60,000
Springbrook	Group Camp 3 bldg demolition	\$100,000		\$100,000
Stone	Water system upgrade	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Brushy	Water payment	\$140,000		\$140,000
Lake Ahquabi	Cold storage bldg	\$80,000		\$80,000
Stone	CCC maintenance bldg.	\$120,000		\$120,000
Statewide	Trails	\$125,000		\$125,000
Statewide	Minors	\$100,000		\$100,000
Statewide	Construction service fee	\$600,000		\$600,000
Local	Matching funds	\$75,000		\$75,000
FEMA	Matching funds	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Ahquabi	Residence/shop sewer (added 11/25/02)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Palisades Kepler	CCC cabin renovation	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000
Fort Atkinson	Building Roofs	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Lake Keomah (1972)	Campground electric upgrade 52	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$104,000
Lake Anita (1981)	Campground electric upgrade 47	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$94,000
Black Hawk (1974)	Campground electric upgrade - 68	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$136,000
Bellevue (1978)	Campground electrical upgrade 23	\$46,000		\$46,000
Lacey Keosauqua	Sewer system upgrade	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
Clear Lake	Park office/ maintenance bldg	\$220,000		\$220,000
Prairie Rose	Lodge matching funds	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000
Wildcat Den	Grist Mill and school renovation	\$25,000		\$25,000
Wilson Island	Water line extension	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Lake Manawa	Entrance Expansion	\$50,000		\$50,000
Backbone	2 Unisex campground toilet replacement	\$20,000		\$20,000
Elk Rock	Campground electric	\$15,000		\$15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,038,000</b>	<b>\$918,000</b>	<b>\$3,956,000</b>

**REAP Open Spaces  
FY 2004**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Fed/Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>DIVISION</b>				
Statewide	Property tax reimbursements	\$250,000		\$250,000
Statewide	Protected Water Areas	\$156,000		\$156,000
Statewide	Land acquisition	\$70,000		\$70,000
Statewide	Private/Public Cost Share	\$313,000		\$313,000
Statewide	Design & Inspection Services	\$300,000		\$300,000
<b>DIVISION TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,089,000</b>		<b>\$1,089,000</b>
<b>WILDLIFE</b>				
Banner WMA	Recreation development	\$300,000		\$300,000
INHF Acq	Wildlife Acquisition	\$140,000		\$140,000
<b>WILDLIFE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$440,000</b>		<b>\$440,000</b>

<b>FORESTRY</b>				
Loess Hills	INHF holdover	\$523,000		\$523,000
<b>FORESTRY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$523,000</b>		<b>\$523,000</b>
<b>PARKS</b>				
Viking Lake	Facility development	\$280,000		\$280,000
Brushy Creek	Beach facility development	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000
Lake Darling	Sewer renovation	\$325,000		\$325,000
Mini-Wakan	Lodge conversion-utility service	\$175,000		\$175,000
<b>PARKS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,080,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$1,380,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,132,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$3,432,000</b>

**REAP Land Management  
FY 2004**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Fed/Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>DIVISION</b>				
Statewide	Trails program	\$100,000		\$100,000
Statewide	Parking lot surfacing	\$100,000		\$100,000
Statewide	Design, engineering, inspection	\$250,000		\$250,000
<b>DIVISION TOTAL</b>		<b>\$450,000</b>		<b>\$450,000</b>
<b>FISHERIES</b>				
Statewide	Jetty maintenance/repair	\$30,500	\$91,500	\$122,000
Trout streams	Habitat improvement	\$35,750		\$35,750
Clear Lake - Ritz	Fishing dock	\$3,750	\$11,250	\$15,000
Bellevue Office	Storage building addition	\$30,000		\$30,000
<b>FISH TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$102,750</b>	<b>\$202,750</b>
<b>WILDLIFE</b>				
Statewide	Minor projects	\$100,000		\$100,000
<b>WILDLIFE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>FORESTRY</b>				
Statewide	Minor projects*	\$100,000		\$100,000
<b>FORESTRY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>PARKS</b>				
Statewide	Minor projects**	\$250,000		\$250,000
<b>PARKS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$102,750</b>	<b>\$1,102,750</b>

**\*Forestry Minor Projects**

For emergency repairs of buildings, repair of washed-out roads and trails, and removal of abandoned structures on recently purchased properties. These projects are essential to maintain the capital infrastructure of the four State Forests including facilities, water supplies, recreation sites, roads, trails, and 43,000 acres of land.

**\*\*Parks Minor Projects**

Emergency repairs of roofs, well pumps, lift stations, furnace replacements, water lines, and other minor emergencies.

**Marine Fuel Tax  
FY 2004**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Fed/Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boone River	Waterworks	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Des Moines River	Power Plant - Polk Co.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Pine Lake	Iowa River - Hardin Co.	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$70,000
Marengo	Iowa River - Iowa CCB	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
Upper Iowa River Access	Winneshiek & Allamakee Co.	\$30,000	\$193,100	\$223,100
Statewide - Boat Docks	Boat access docks	\$70,000		\$70,000
Statewide - Boat Projects	Minor projects & renovation	\$200,000		\$200,000
Statewide - MFT Cost Share	Local boating grants	\$100,000		\$100,000
Statewide - MFT Project Svcs	Design services	\$500,000		\$500,000
Statewide - buoys	Navigation Aides	\$40,000		\$40,000
Red Rock, Elk Rock	boat ramp, parking, & access	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Swan Lake	Control structure replacement	\$150,000		\$150,000
Lake Anita	Shoreline protection	\$60,000		\$60,000
Rathbun Lake	Shoreline protection	\$50,000	\$92,800	\$142,800
Twelve Mile Lake	Ramp repair	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
Spirit Lake	S. Ramp surfacing	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
Lake Keomah	Boat ramp	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Lost Grove Lake	Dam construction	\$640,000	\$1,920,000	\$2,560,000
Wapsi Hwy 925	Ramp, parking, & road	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Skunk River Access	Ramp, parking, & road	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Crystal Lake	Dredged material disposal site	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$600,000
Brushy Creek	Silt dike repair	\$10,000		\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,520,000</b>	<b>\$3,075,900</b>	<b>\$5,595,900</b>

**Public-Owned Lake and Stream Restoration Program  
FY 2004**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Fed/Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Storm Lake	Dredging project	\$300,000	\$100,000	\$400,000
Rock Creek	Watershed Improvements	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$600,000
Lake Darling	Watershed Improvements	\$30,000	\$120,000	\$150,000
Clear Lake	Carp Research Project	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Miami Lake	Wetland	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$60,000
Crystal Lake	Dredged Material Disposal Site	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$600,000
Prairie Rose Lake	Sediment basins (319 grant)		\$88,000	\$88,000
Lake Icaria	Sediment basins (319 grant)		\$128,000	\$128,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,091,000</b>	<b>\$2,091,000</b>

**Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund  
FY 2004**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Fed/Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>DIVISIONWIDE</b>				
Statewide	ELSI Contract	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000

Clear Lake Office	Expand/resurface parking lot	\$50,000		\$50,000
<b>DIVISIONWIDE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,050,000</b>		<b>\$1,050,000</b>

**FISHERIES**

Statewide	Fish Habitat County Grant	\$400,000		\$400,000
Statewide	Lake & Stream Acquisition	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Lost Grove Lake	Holst Acquisition	\$105,000	\$315,000	\$420,000
Glovers Creek	Myer Acquisition		\$287,000	\$287,000
Sny Magill	Acquisition		\$256,000	\$256,000
Rathbun Hatchery	Facility Improvements		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Spirit Lake Hatchery	Facility Improvements		\$800,000	\$800,000
Big Spring Hatchery	Pumping station/pollution control	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$100,000
Lake Anita	Fish Habitat Development	\$7,500	\$22,500	\$30,000
Guttenberg	Angle Access & Bank Protection	\$31,250	\$93,750	\$125,000
Green Island	Fish Habitat Development	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
Little Wall Lake	Fishing Jetties (3)	\$15,000	\$45,000	\$60,000
Lake Manawa	Fishing Jetties (4)	\$18,000	\$54,000	\$72,000
Brushy Creek Lake	Lake Shore Access	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$100,000
Dubuque Ham Island	Pier and angler bank access		\$80,000	\$80,000
East Okoboji	Fishing piers (2)		\$120,000	\$120,000
West Des Moines	Blue Heron Pier		\$150,000	\$150,000
N/S Bear Creek	Trout habitat (319 mini grant)		\$55,000	\$55,000
Clinton	Miss. River B.I.G. Grant		\$1,156,000	\$1,156,000
Muscatine	Miss. River B.I.G. Grant		\$200,000	\$200,000
Lost Grove Lake	Utility relocation	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
<b>FISH TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,076,750</b>	<b>\$6,634,250</b>	<b>\$7,711,000</b>

**Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund  
FY 2004 (cont.)**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Fed/Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>WILDLIFE</b>				
Statewide	Habitat stamp grants to CCBs	\$800,000		\$800,000
Statewide	Habitat stamp land acquisitions	\$650,000		\$650,000
Statewide	Property taxes for habitat stamp	\$150,000		\$150,000
Statewide	Ducks Unlimited annual payment	\$40,000		\$40,000
Statewide	Pheasant & quail program	\$500,000		\$500,000
Statewide	Maintenance & Emergency Repairs to Facilities	\$200,000		\$200,000
Statewide Proj.	Wetland Dev. Projects(state &PPVJ lands)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Statewide	Reimbursable WRP W/L Projects	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
Red Rock	Subimpoundment Wetland Development		\$300,000	\$300,000
Odessa	HREP Cost-sharing with COE	\$175,000	\$325,000	\$500,000
Nottleman Island	Wetland Development		\$360,000	\$360,000
Statewide	Turkey sale \$ acquisitions	\$100,000		\$100,000
All 4 Districts	Misc. Small Habitat Development Projects	\$150,000		\$150,000
Coralville	Subimpoundment		\$350,000	\$350,000

Rice Lake	Service Building	\$50,000		\$50,000
Ducks Unlimited	Development Project	\$100,000		\$100,000
South Fork Wetlands	Corps 1135 Project - Rathbun	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
<b>WILDLIFE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,165,000</b>	<b>\$1,935,000</b>	<b>\$5,100,000</b>
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
Storm Lake Patrol Station	Roof repair	\$50,000		\$50,000
Black Hawk Lake	Storage building roof repair	\$15,000		\$15,000
Gull Point	Replace doors	\$18,000		\$18,000
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$83,000</b>		<b>\$83,000</b>
<b>TRUST FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,374,750</b>	<b>\$8,569,250</b>	<b>\$13,944,000</b>

**Parks & Institutional Roads  
FY 2004**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Fed/Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lewis and Clark SP	Road Development & Renovation	\$385,000		\$385,000
Shimek SF	Road Development & Renovation	\$130,000		\$130,000
East Okoboji	Road Development & Renovation	\$41,000	\$15,000	\$56,000
Mines of Spain SP	Road Development & Renovation	\$9,000		\$9,000
Green Island WMA	Road Development & Renovation	\$53,000	\$16,000	\$69,000
Lacey Keosauqua SP	Road Development & Renovation	\$590,000		\$590,000
Springbrook SP	Road Development & Renovation	\$250,000		\$250,000
Sugema WMA	Road Development & Renovation	\$80,000	\$73,000	\$153,000
Upper Iowa WMA	Road Development & Renovation	\$194,000	\$32,000	\$226,000
Brushy Creek SRA	Road Development & Renovation	\$300,000		\$300,000
Big Creek SP	Road Development & Renovation	\$540,000	\$383,000	\$923,000
Design Services	Road Development & Renovation	\$300,000		\$300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,872,000</b>	<b>\$519,000</b>	<b>\$3,391,000</b>

**Sewage Works Revolving Fund  
FY 2004**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Federal/Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Big Creek	Sewage system renovation	\$664,000		\$664,000
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$664,000</b>		<b>\$664,000</b>

Linda Hanson briefly reviewed the Capital Plan for FY04.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the Capital Plan for FY04. Seconded by Commissioner Duncan.*

Commissioner Sullivan asked if the estimates for any of the construction projects come in lower than anticipated, would that money be used for other projects lower on the list.

Linda Hanson responded that would be the case. She said that money could also be used for emergency projects or for unexpected repairs, etc. She added that if a change to the plan goes beyond what is on the list, this change would be brought to the attention of the commission. Ms. Hanson further explained that the Conservation and Recreation Division is taking a long-term approach to its planning with a Five-Year Capital Plan. She said that from time to time a project is moved from the current fiscal year to the next because of the lack of funding. This Plan is the department's best guess and effort at what these projects would cost based on prior experience.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if contracts will soon be awarded on the '04 budget.

Basil Nimry, Bureau Chief, Engineering and Realty Services explained that there will be at least four projects let in the month of July.

*Motion to approve the Capital Plan carried unanimously.*

**CAPITAL PLAN APPROVED**

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES—PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNER, HONEY CREEK RESORT STATE PARK**

Michael Brandrup, Administrator, Conservation and Recreation Division, presented the following item.

The Commission will be asked to approve a contract for consultant services with Economic Research Associates (ERA) of Chicago, Illinois at a cost of \$120,000. A summary of the four firms' costs for the project is attached. ERA provided the low bid. This contract calls for ERA to develop financial pro formas for the proposed lodge, cabins, golf course and equestrian center and to assist the DNR in contacting, evaluating, selecting, and developing a long-term agreement with one or more private partners for construction and operation of key facilities at the park.

Four firms submitted proposals. A committee made up of representatives from the board of directors of RLR, Inc., the Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Economic Development and the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Iowa Attorney General's office reviewed proposals and participated in presentations and interviews with the four firms. Proposals were evaluated using the following criteria: (1) Qualifications and experience; (2) Approach and methods; (3) Grasp of the project and informational needs of the client; (4) Client/Firm communications; (5) Strategies/approach to the project. In addition, the committee considered "Cost relative to services and products to be provided." ERA (in partnership with SmithGroupJJR, the firm which recently completed the master plan for the park) was the clear preference.

Project startup is scheduled to begin by August 1, 2003 with a goal of being in serious negotiations with private partners by January, 2004. The most recent appropriation by the Iowa General Assembly of \$3.0 million conditioned expenditure of those funds on having a private partner or partners committed to the project by June 30, 2005.

Mr. Brandrup briefed the commission regarding the contract for consultant services at Honey Creek.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve a contract with Economic Research Associates of Chicago, Illinois at a cost of \$120,000 to develop financial pro formas for the proposed lodge, cabins, golf course and equestrian center and to assist the DNR in contacting, evaluating, selecting, and developing a long-term agreement with one or more private partners for construction and operation of key facilities at the park. Seconded by Commissioner Marcantonio. Motion carried unanimously.*

**CONSULTANT APPROVED**

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Schneider suggested that when plans are made for locations of next year's meetings that the commission consider visiting Wildcat Den and the Grist Mill renovation.

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Basil Nimry commented that in the past some commissioners expressed interest in visiting the silica mines. He noted that the mines are about 40 minutes from Decorah and a tour could be arranged for the October commission meeting scheduled for Decorah.

Commissioner Schneider reminded that it was decided to visit the land acquisition areas at the Waterloo Creek trout stream at the October meeting.

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Commissioner Schneider reported she received a phone call from Al Magnafrau, Burlington, Iowa, regarding the rules for hunting blinds at Pool 16, 17 and 18 on the Mississippi River. She asked if it is typical for the public hearing to be held in Des Moines rather than in the area in question. She further explained that Mr. Magnafrau thinks that five years is too long to give a person a blind and asked if there is a specific reason for that length of time. Ms. Schneider questioned why the department is opposed to the lottery system.

Mike Brandrup explained that informational meetings were held earlier in Muscatine and Burlington where options were discussed for the blind restrictions being required of the DNR by our partnership agencies, the ACOE and USFWS. Approximately 60 and 140 respectively attended the meeting. Comments from those hunters in attendance were used to make changes to the proposed rule.

Ken Herring, Wildlife Management Supervisor, explained that there are many opposed to the lottery system. He said the lottery system is a more regulated system but the system we

proposed by rule is the most like the system that has been in place the past 50 years. Because those blinds are managed under a 3<sup>rd</sup> party agreement with the COE and USF&W Service, we had to come up with a registration system.

Theoretical scenarios were discussed and described. Mr. Herring noted that at the public hearing on June 19, two people came and spoke in favor of the rule and presented a petition of about 150 names in favor of the rule as proposed. Mr. Magnafrau has presented a petition with approximately 200 people wanting a lottery drawing for blind sites. He reiterated that the proposed rule is as close to the situation as it has existed for the past 60 years as we could propose. Mr. Herring stated that there is nothing that keeps the department from going to a more restrictive regulated season in the future if this proposed system does not work

Commissioner Duncan related that he also received a phone call from Al Magnafrau. He asked if this is something the commission members generally get involved in or if it is a policy situation that staff should handle.

Director Vonk acknowledged that one of the commission's roles is to tell us when they think we are wrong and that something different should be done. He added that obviously as a department, our feeling is that the rule put forward is the right way to go. He said the department respects the commission's opinion and certainly will accommodate any changes to the extent that can be done if the majority tell us we need to do something different. Mr. Vonk went on to say that people feel passionately on both side and if a lottery system was proposed a lot of phone calls would be received from folks who have a long-term tradition of hunting in a certain place and want to maintain that. He said staff must balance that with the folks who want to access some of those spots that they have not had access to in the past, so not everybody will be happy.

Director Vonk asked the Wildlife Bureau to provide a copy of all written public comments and any transcripts that that they have. He said the commission heard from Mr. Magnafrau at the May meeting and copies of his petition will be provided the commissioners. Mr. Vonk asked the commission to call the wildlife bureau staff if they have specific questions about the rule.

Commissioner Francisco requested that the petitions be compared with the duck stamp purchase list so that we know that the names on there are actually waterfowl hunters.

Commissioner Schneider stated that she would rely on the wildlife biologists and the people in the field and would not go against the policy. She said, however, that she does feel justified in asking questions.

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Director Vonk reported that a private lands meeting was held in the Okoboji area. He encouraged the commissioners who pheasant hunt to take advantage of this year's Governor's Pheasant Hunt in Dickinson County. He suggested that when they are in that area that they take time or have time arranged with staff to view the public wetlands and activity there. Mr. Vonk added that the folks living in the Dickinson County area are truly fortunate to have access to so much recreation opportunity compared to other places in the state.  
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Director Vonk reported that he attended the Storm Lake OPA session, along with a couple of EPC commissioners. He said the folks in Storm Lake continue to be very enthused over what is happening in their community and what they are providing leadership to. He added that it would be nice to be able to ship their contagious enthusiasm to other places.

Commissioner Sullivan commented regarding talk about a vision of what Iowa could be in terms of cooperative efforts. He said not all farmers are in favor of land acquisition but if one looks at the relationship of the lands that are put into protection and wetland restoration activities and available for public use and how that integrates with row crop operations and agriculture in general, it is a real impressive activity. He added that needs to be emulated across the state.

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Commissioner Sullivan reported that he had visited the Lacey-Keosauqua dam repair and it looks excellent and very well done. He said that rain was received last night so the seeding should take hold now.

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Director Vonk thanked the commission for their support on the Capital Plan. He said the Capital Plan is an important issue for the department and staff is anxious to get moving on it.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

The next meeting will be held August 14, 2003 in Chariton.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The June 26, 2003 telephone meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m*

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Jeffrey R. Vonk, Director

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Carol Kramer, Chairperson

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Janice Marcantonio, Secretary

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