

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Thursday, May 11, 2023

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DNR 2 North Conf Room

Thursday, May 11, 2023

9:30 AM – NRC Business Meeting

Public participation begins at approximately 10:00am. If you are unable to attend the business meeting, comments regarding agenda items may be submitted for public record to Jenny Miller at Jenny.Miller@dnr.iowa.gov or 502 East 9th St, Des Moines IA 50319 up to 24 hours prior to the business meeting.

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5.	Division Administrator's Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
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*8.	Contract Amendment with Liberty Press, LLC	Decision	Todd Bishop
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*10.	Contract Amendment with Shelby County Conservation Board	Decision	Tammie Krausman
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12.	Public Land Acquisition Projects Wood Duck Marsh Wildlife Management Area, Winnebago County	Decision	Travis Baker
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13.2	Chapter 18 Lease Renewal – Muscatine County – CHS Inc.	Decision	Travis Baker
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13.4	Management Agreement – North Raccoon River Access – City of Perry – Dallas County	Decision	Travis Baker
13.5	Management Agreement—Council Bluffs Riverfront and Friendship Park – City of Council Bluffs – Pottawattamie County	Decision	Travis Baker
13.6	Management Agreement Amendment – Council Bluffs Management and Title Transfer Agreement – City of Council Bluffs – Pottawattamie County	Decision	Travis Baker
14.	Construction-Small Projects: Maquoketa State Park-Repairing the Lagoon Liner; Lake Ahquabi State Park – Replace Components at the Beach Lift Station	Information	Travis Baker

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15.4	Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, 2023 Concrete Trail – Van Buren County	Decision	Travis Baker
15.5	Missouri River Wildlife Flood Repairs – Harrison, Monona, Shelby and Woodbury Counties	Decision	Travis Baker
*16.	Contract Amendment with R&S Waste Disposal, LLC-Springbrook Waste Management Services	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
17.	Contract with Iowa State University-Bumble Bee Monitoring	Decision	Todd Bishop
18.	28E Amendment 1 with Department of Administrative Services	Decision	Tamara McIntosh
19.	General Discussion		
Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates			
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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

April 13, 2023

**Video Teleconference
and
Wallace State Office Building**

Approved by the Commission **TBD**

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Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission (Commission or NRC) was called to order by Chairperson Marcus Branstad at 10:00am on April 13, 2023 via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Laura Foell
- Laura Hommel
- Tom Prickett
- Margo Underwood
- Tammi Kircher
- Marcus Branstad

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

- Uriah Hansen

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Name:	Address/County:	Representing:	Topic:
Neil Bock	Carroll, Iowa	Self	Raccoon foot snare trap

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following: Contract Amendment with Jacob Lahr, State Forest Nursery Mowing Services; Contract with Gill Hauling, Inc., Stone State Park Waste Management Services; Public Land Management Projects (12.1-12.5); and Contract Amendment with Waste Management of Iowa, Inc., Big Creek Waste Management Services.

Motion was made by Margo Underwood to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Laura Hommel to approve the March 9, 2023 NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

DIRECTOR’S REMARKS

- Director Lyon provided an update on the gillnetting efforts at Clear Lake, Storm Lake, and Lake Rathbun. She indicated that collection was going well and quickly this spring. Director Lyon provided data on reproduction goals of both walleye and Northern Pike at Iowa’s hatcheries and explained the planned stocking details at various stages of fish growth.
- Director Lyon shared that she was able to attend and hand out awards at the Community Forestry Award Luncheon held in Ankeny.
- Director Lyon announced that the Department would be involved in the April 29 Outdoors Day at Principal Park by providing youth activities, handing out fishing pole vouchers, displaying the TIP trailer, and participating in the first pitch!
- Director Lyon concluded her remarks by recognizing Laura Hommel and Margo Underwood for their years of service on the Natural Resource Commission and wishing them luck as they finish up their respective terms. She

also congratulated Commissioner Prickett on his reappointment and Kenny “KR” Buck on his appointment to the Commission. Both appointments are subject to Senate approval.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth provided a detailed overview of the 15 hunter listening sessions held throughout the state, highlighting trends among trappers, deer hunters, waterfowl hunters, and legal methods of take for various seasons.
- Mr. Hildreth shared that the Prairie Chicken viewing was a success with over 40 people in attendance and the platform full of activity. He also provided a positive outlook for the Spring turkey hunting seasons that are currently taking place.
- Mr. Hildreth closed his remarks by thanking Jenny Miller for her willingness to serve as interim Board Administrator for May, June, and July and took the opportunity to congratulate and thank Laura Hommel and Margo Underwood for their service as Natural Resource Commissioners.

DONATIONS

Pete Hildreth requested Commission approval to approve donations from the following individuals and organizations: Robert and Joan Anthony, Michael Stephnowski, Jane Overland, Herman Lenz, Carlyann Mucha, Bill and Connie Funk, Johnathan Swanson, Donald and Kathy Brees, Norene and Michel Nelson, Sheryl and Christopher Bakkie, Crawford Family Farms, Conna and Rick Bral, Jylene and David Wright, Patricia Kooiker, Scotty Ray and Jill Kurtz, Barbara Reese, Gary and Joye Baze, Daniel and Pamela Honken, Ann Baumgartner, Cheryl Hanway, Nick Pribyl, Brian Moore, Jess Evers and Corinne Grass.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

28E WITH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DAS), HONEY CREEK OPERATIONS

DAS Director Adam Steen requested Commission approval to enter into a 28E Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to take over the operations of Honey Creek Resort. Director Steen provided background information regarding the selection process for the current concessionaire and the concessionaire’s experience with similar properties. Mr. Steen also indicated the resort should be fully functional and the new concessionaire will continue operating restaurant services, offer golfing, camping, and event hosting, among other amenities and services. DAS has extensive experience in property management.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

ADOPTED AND FILED-CHAPTER 12, “CONSERVATION EDUCATION,” CHAPTER 15 “GENERAL LICENSE REGULATIONS,” AND CHAPTER 94, “NONRESIDENT DEER HUNTING”

General Counsel Tamara Mcintosh requested Commission approval for the final rulemaking for Chapter 12, Chapter 15, and Chapter 94. This rulemaking adds Physician Assistants to the rule language.

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

ADOPTED AND FILED-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”

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for the final rulemaking for Chapter 108, extending the regular fur harvest season by one month and adopting a continuous open season statewide for raccoon hunting and trapping. Mr. Ensminger explained the continuous open season statewide for raccoon hunting and trapping is limited to private lands outside of the regular furbearer season, which was a change from the Notice of Intended Action. He also explained how current, proposed legislation would affect this rule if passed into law.

Motion was made by Tom Prickett to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

PUBLIC LAND ACQUISITION-NORTH CEDAR/SNY MAGILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, CLAYTON COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for the purchase of a tract of land located in Clayton County adjacent to the North Cedar/Sny Magill Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Mr. Baker explained the private contribution listed in the purchase funding and responded to questions regarding private contribution trends with land acquisition.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Margo Underwood.

Laura Foell-nay, Uriah Hansen-absent, Laura Hommel-nay, Tom Prickett-aye, Margo Underwood-aye, Tammi Kircher-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GREEN VALLEY STATE PARK, UNION COUNTY-SPILLWAY STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

Travis Baker requested approval to reinforce and rebuild portions of the spillway structure at Green Valley State Park. Mr. Baker explained how the project fit into the 5-year capitals plan budget and how similar projects are identified on state managed property. Heath Delzell assured the Commissioners that the partial draw down of the lake would not affect recreational use and the timeframe allotted for the project’s completion is realistic.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Margo Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Margo Underwood.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

IOWA RIVER WILDLIFE UNIT, JOHNSON COUNTY-SWAN LAKE ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for the removal of a bridge on Swan Lake Road. It will be replaced with a reinforced box culvert.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, FORESTRY SPECIALISTS

Katy Fullin requested Commission approval for a contract with Wildlife Management Institute to hire and employ 6 Forestry Specialists to assist with the Department’s Private Lands Program. Ms. Fullin shared that the specialists are distributed throughout the state based on the forestry district’s workload needs. She explained that the bulk of the

work done by specialists hired through this contract will be working with private landowners on education and forest management plan development.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tom Prickett to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Commissioners took turns thanking Margo Underwood and Laura Hommel for their years of service as Natural Resource Commissioners.
- Commissioner Underwood and Commissioner Hommel shared their closing remarks to DNR staff and NRC Commissioners.

ADJOURN

The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 11:13 am on April 13, 2023.

ADJOURNED

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

Decision Item

6. Donations

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Wildlife Diversity	\$25.00	Donation in support the conservation of the non-game species in Iowa.	Garry and Robert Brandeburg
Wildlife Diversity	\$500.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity program in memory of Harlan Ratcliff.	Marth Kroese
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$20.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund in memory of Randy Benesh.	Kathy Shelton
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund in memory of Randy Benesh.	Lisa Paulos
Wildlife Diversity	\$50.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity program.	Janet Sanders
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$150.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund.	Gary Sanborn
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund.	Jason Baugh
Parks and Forestry	\$50.00	Donation to support the Parks and Forestry fund.	Jason Baugh
Wildlife Diversity	\$50.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity program.	Jason Baugh
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$5.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund.	David and Jill Sykora
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund in dedication of Callie.	Colten Hilgendorf
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$250.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund in the memory of my father, Robert Rentz.	Christy Doornink
Wildlife Diversity	\$25.00	Donation to support Wildlife Diversity program in memory of Carolee Rees.	Linda Armstrong

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: 5/11/23

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Natural Resource Commission**

Decision Item

7. Contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc. (Riverton)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU), of Dexter Michigan.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$385,000

Dates: May 15, 2023 to August 15, 2023

Funding Source(s): Federal NAWCA (\$100,912), Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund (\$284,088)

Contract Purpose: Riverton WMA is located in the floodplain between the East and West Forks of the Nishnabotna Rivers in Fremont County, Iowa. Historically, the project site was a vast wetland complex that supported huge numbers of waterbirds during spring and fall migrations. Hydrologic modifications to this floodplain, including channel straightening and extensive tile drainage systems throughout the watershed, have modified the historic hydrology and greatly reduce the quantity and quality of wetland habitat in the area. Incised, channelized river beds make it difficult to flood the wetlands. Conversely, extensive upstream drainage systems result in extreme flood events on an ever-increasing basis. These flood events also result in excessive silt deposition in natural oxbows and water conveyance ditches on the wildlife area. Today, many parts of the wildlife area hold water for too long after these flood events, killing floodplain forests and promoting monotypic stands of undesirable vegetation such as river bulrush and reed canary grass.

In an effort to reverse this trend and help meet their goal of providing high quality wetland habitat for migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds, Iowa DNR is undertaking steps to improve water management on Riverton WMA. The first step was to assess current conditions and issues affecting the wildlife area. In July 2018, Iowa DNR and Ducks Unlimited hosted a wetland review on the wildlife area. Over 30 wetland biologists and management specialists from numerous state and federal agencies, universities and NGO's met for 2 days to assess current conditions and provide recommendations to improve seasonal wetland habitat on the area. The primary recommendation of this plan was to improve the water management infrastructure to better replicate natural, historic hydrologic conditions. This grant proposal is the first step in implementing these recommendations.

In order to accommodate the frequent flooding the wetlands have experienced, DU engineers will improve the water management system on the wildlife area. The component this contract will address will be replacing an undersized outlet structure in the North Refuge Unit. The existing 48" structure is too small to accommodate drainage from the 3,000 acre watershed and will be replaced with a 72" structure will improve management capabilities. Waterfowl counts during peak migration regularly exceed 30,000 mallards on the North Refuge, and improving water management is expected to increase this number.

DU tasks associated with this contract include:

- Construction Management: Provide construction management inspection services to confirm all site developments are completed in a timely manner.
- Construction Check Out: Review and verify as true and correct all invoices.

For this project, DNR tasks include:

- Design and Construction Input: Routinely inspect the construction site when any construction is in progress, and keep DU advised of any desired changes, additions, or deletions to the project construction.
- Site Management: DNR shall manage the site to provide habitat that is beneficial to migratory birds in conformance of NAWCA U.S. Grant Administrative Standards.

Selection Process Summary: Cooperative Agreement contracting is authorized under 11 IAC 117.5(5) and 118.7.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: May 11, 2023

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

Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent*)

***8. Contract Amendment- with Liberty Press, LLC**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Liberty Press, LLC, of Springville, Utah.

Amendment-3 Terms:

Amendment Amount: not to exceed \$38,253

Amendment Dates: May 30, 2023 to May 29, 2024

Funding Source(s): Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

Amendment Purpose: To print and distribute 115,000 copies of the 2023-2024 Iowa Hunting, Trapping, and Migratory Game Bird Regulations to over 800 vendors, businesses, government agencies, and DNR offices in and around Iowa for the public's use. This amendment will provide the same services as previously contracted. Increase in cost has been seen industrywide as the price of wood pulp has increased significantly since 2020, and those costs are being passed along by the papermakers and the printing industry.

Original Contract Purpose: In 2019, The Iowa DNR selected Liberty Press LLC to print and distribute copies of the 2019-2020 Iowa Hunting, Trapping and Migratory Game Bird Regulations to vendors, businesses, government agencies, and DNR offices in and around Iowa. The Department produces this rules and regulations booklet annually. The 2019 printing was the third year the DNR combined the waterfowl regulations into the Hunting and Trapping regulations book which coordinates with federal waterfowl information and provides cost and time savings in printing and distribution. Positive comments have been received by users regarding the convenience of having the information in one publication.

As outlined in standards, all paper types contain post-consumer waste and are recyclable. Liberty Press LLC has provided a quality product using 40# Electracote SCB Grade paper. This grade of paper was used for the 2018 regulations and users provided positive comments on its quality and durability, especially with the longer time hunters and trappers can use the combined publication (August – May). Also, this type of paper grade is more attractive to advertisers purchasing ad space in the publication. For printing, the DNR will provide the print copy and shipment list with quantity per location to the contractor. The contractor will provide a print proof for approval prior to production printing, make any revisions, print 175,000 copies, and pack and distribute cartons per the shipment list. (In 2021, the print quantity was reduced to 150,000 copies due to fewer regulations being picked up by the hunters as more are downloading the electronic version to their phones and computers. It was reduced again in 2022 to 125,000 copies, and again in 2023 to 115,000 copies.)

Original Selection Process: The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and published a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website. Proposals were reviewed based on the criteria as described in the RFP which included their ability to complete the scope of work within the desired timeline, quality of product, and description of previous and applicable work experience.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Not to exceed \$31,100; Timeframe: 05/30/19-05/29/20; Purpose: print/distribute 175,000 regulations booklets

Amendment-1: Not to exceed \$31,100; Timeframe: 05/30/20-05/29/21; Purpose: print/ distribute 175,000 regulations booklets

Amendment-2: Not to exceed \$27,600; Timeframe: 05/30/21-05/29/22; Purpose: print/distribute 150,000 regulations booklets

Amendment-3: Not to exceed \$36,480; Timeframe: 05/30/22-05/29/23; Purpose: print/distribute 125,000 regulations booklets

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: May 11, 2023

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***9. Contract Amendment-1 with Pass it On – Outdoor Mentors, Inc.**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Pass it On – Outdoor Mentors, Inc. of Wichita, Kansas.

Amendment-1 Terms:

Amendment Amount: \$20,000

Amendment Dates: June 29, 2023 to June 30, 2025

Funding Source(s): USFWS Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education Federal Grant Funding.

Amendment Purpose: This amendment extends the contract obligation with Pass it On – Outdoor Mentors, Inc. by two years to coordinate a Shooting Sports Outreach Program in conjunction with the Scholastic Clay Target Program, Scholastic Action Shooting Program and National Archery in the Schools Program. This amendment also increases DNR’s monetary contribution by \$20,000 and updates the minimum number of required hunts under the statement of work responsibilities section.

Original Contract Purpose: The original purpose of the contract was for Pass It On – Outdoor Mentors, Inc. to coordinate a Shooting Sports Outreach Program in conjunction with the Iowa Scholastic Clay Target Program. The goal of the program was to engage High School and College trap shooting athletes with a variety of hunting related activities with the intention to recruit new participants into hunting. A secondary goal of the program was to reactivate past participants by building strong social support networks through shared experiences and ongoing communication.

Original Selection Process: Pass it On – Outdoor Mentors, Inc. is a 501 (3)c organized under the laws of the State of Kansas and is registered with the laws of Kansas. DNR entered into this Cooperative Agreement based on statutory authority provided in Iowa Code section 455A.4(6) and Iowa Code section 483A.27. Through this partnership, DNR and Pass it On – Outdoor Mentors will continue to work towards their common goal to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters across Iowa.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount: \$20,000; Timeframe: September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; Purpose: Hunt coordination

Tammie Krausman, Communications, Outreach and Marketing Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: May 11, 2023

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Decision Item

***10. Contract Amendment #4 with Shelby County Conservation Board**

Commission approval is requested for a contract amendment with Shelby County Conservation Board of Harlan, IA.

Amendment #4 Terms:

Amendment Amount: \$98,160

Amendment Dates: 06/30/23 to 06/30/25

Funding Source(s): General Fund, Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

Amendment Purpose: This two-year amendment will continue the agreement to jointly provide stewardship education and conservation literacy opportunities to the residents of Shelby County and to several of Iowa's State Parks through a full-time naturalist position with the County Conservation Board. This position provides programming in the forms of roving, formal, and informal interpretation; workshops; and special events statewide. Through this amendment, programming and workshops will be expanded to reach several parks and key population centers throughout Western Iowa. Subject areas will be focused on angling, boating, hunting, and shooting sports. Target audiences will include women and families along with other underserved populations such as Hispanic and African American communities. At least 50% of the total work activities will be directed by the Education, Outreach and Marketing Section Supervisor.

Naturalist tasks will include:

- Provide public programming in the county and in parks across Western Iowa
- Assist with training, mentoring and program development for other seasonal interpreters during the recreation season
- Participate in and assist with the Iowa State Park Wildlife Camps in partnership with the University of Iowa
- Attend meetings and training opportunities as approved by the DNR and County
- Coordinate and execute women and family focused workshops statewide as part of the Becoming an Outdoors Woman/Family Program
- Create video and activity-based content for DNR Take it Outside Google Site designed for the general public along with formal and non-formal educators

Original Contract Purpose: Similar to previous education and outreach agreements in Brushy Creek State Recreation Area and Dolliver State Park, this contract will provide 50% toward a shared interpretive position between Shelby County Conservation Board and Prairie Rose State Park (PRSP). Shelby County Conservation Board will provide the other 50%. PRSP is a highly visited state park within an active local community. With a newly renovated lake and updated state park infrastructure, opportunities exist to further connect the visitors to the resource combining efforts with another local conservation group that is just five miles down the road from the park. At least 50% of the total work activities will be directed by the Prairie Rose State Park manager.

Naturalist tasks will include:

- Provide public programming in the county and in the State Park
- Assist with training, mentoring and program development for other seasonal interpreters during the recreation season
- Participate in and assist with the Iowa State Parks Wildlife Camps in partnership with the University of Iowa

- Create content for Discover Iowa Outdoors webpage to include videos of nature and activities teachers and families can do at home or in our natural resource areas
- Provide the PRSP Park Manager a weekly schedule
- Attend annual training opportunities as approved by the DNR and County

This agreement will bring added partnership and cooperation between the two governmental agencies while assisting with interpretive efforts in state parks within Southwest Iowa.

Original Selection Process Summary: Intergovernmental contracting with Shelby County Conservation Board is authorized under 456A.23 and 456A.24(7).

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount \$72,008; Timeframe: 8/20/15 to 6/30/17; Purpose: naturalist position

Amendment #1 Terms: Amount: \$79,320; Timeframe: 7/1/17 to 6/30/19; Purpose: naturalist position

Amendment #2 Terms: Amount: \$85,021; Timeframe: 7/1/19 to 6/30/21; Purpose: naturalist position

Amendment #3 Terms: Amount: \$87,692; Timeframe: 7/01/21 to 6/30/23; Purpose: naturalist position

Tammie Krausman, Communications Outreach and Marketing Bureau Chief

Department of Natural Resources

May 11, 2023

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

Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***11. Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program– FY24**

Purpose:

This process establishes a priority list of watersheds above significant public lakes where private landowners are eligible to receive cost-share moneys to establish soil and water conservation practices. Funds for these practices are set aside in appropriations to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS).

In order to be eligible to receive IDALS’s Publicly Owned Lake (POL) Program funds, an applicant must be a soil and water conservation district and submit an application for POL priority designation to IDALS - Division of Soil Conservation. Applications are submitted annually, as specified by in writing, to the Division. The Division then forwards applications to the Department for determination of program eligibility.

The Department reviews applications based on compliance with application requirements. For example, the application requests a map of the watershed identifying the sources and estimated sediment delivery to the lake; and, description, location, estimated costs and estimated reduction of sediment delivery for each planned practice that will be implemented pending program funding. The purpose is to target locations within the watersheds that contribute significant sediment to the lake for installation of permanent or management soil conservation practices.

Summary of Selection Process: As outlined in Iowa Administrative Code 571, Chapter 31, Public Owned Lakes Program, the DNR is responsible for the application review and recommendation process. The DNR is to then submit the recommended list of publicly owned lakes eligible under the program for the upcoming year to the Natural Resource Commission for approval. The Review and Selection Committee evaluated applications based on the criteria above.

Selection Committee Members: The review and selection committee consisted of seven members:

- 6 IDNR Staff – Conservation and Recreation Division (2); Environmental Services Division (4)
- 1 IDALS Staff

Number of Applications Received: 6

Recommendations: In accordance with the administrative rules, the Review and Selection Committee has determined that the following meet program requirements and recommends approval of the following list of watersheds for program eligibility:

- Clarke County Reservoir, Clarke SWCD
- Lake Geode, Des Moines and Henry SWCD’s
- Lake Icaria, Adams SWCD
- Lake Miami, Monroe SWCD
- Three Mile Lake, Union and Adair SWCD’s
- Twelve Mile Lake, Union and Adair SWCD’s

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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12. Public Land Acquisition Project

Wood Duck Marsh Wildlife Management Area, Winnebago County – Helgeland

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Winnebago County adjacent Wood Duck Marsh Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: Dale and Susan Helgeland

Acreage: 51 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$72,000

Appraised Value: \$72,000

Property Description: This property is located within the extreme southwestern corporate limits of Lake Mills in in east central Winnebago County. The gently sloping tract is primarily encumbered by a permanent Wetlands Reserve Easement on 49 acres (April 2022), along with a 2-acre wood lot in the northern region of the property. A drainage ditch forms the westerly boundary of the tract. The WRP land is currently in grasslands, with future plans for wetlands development. There are no building improvements. Access is provided through adjacent Wood Duck Marsh as well as a perpetual easement for access to the north center of the tract.

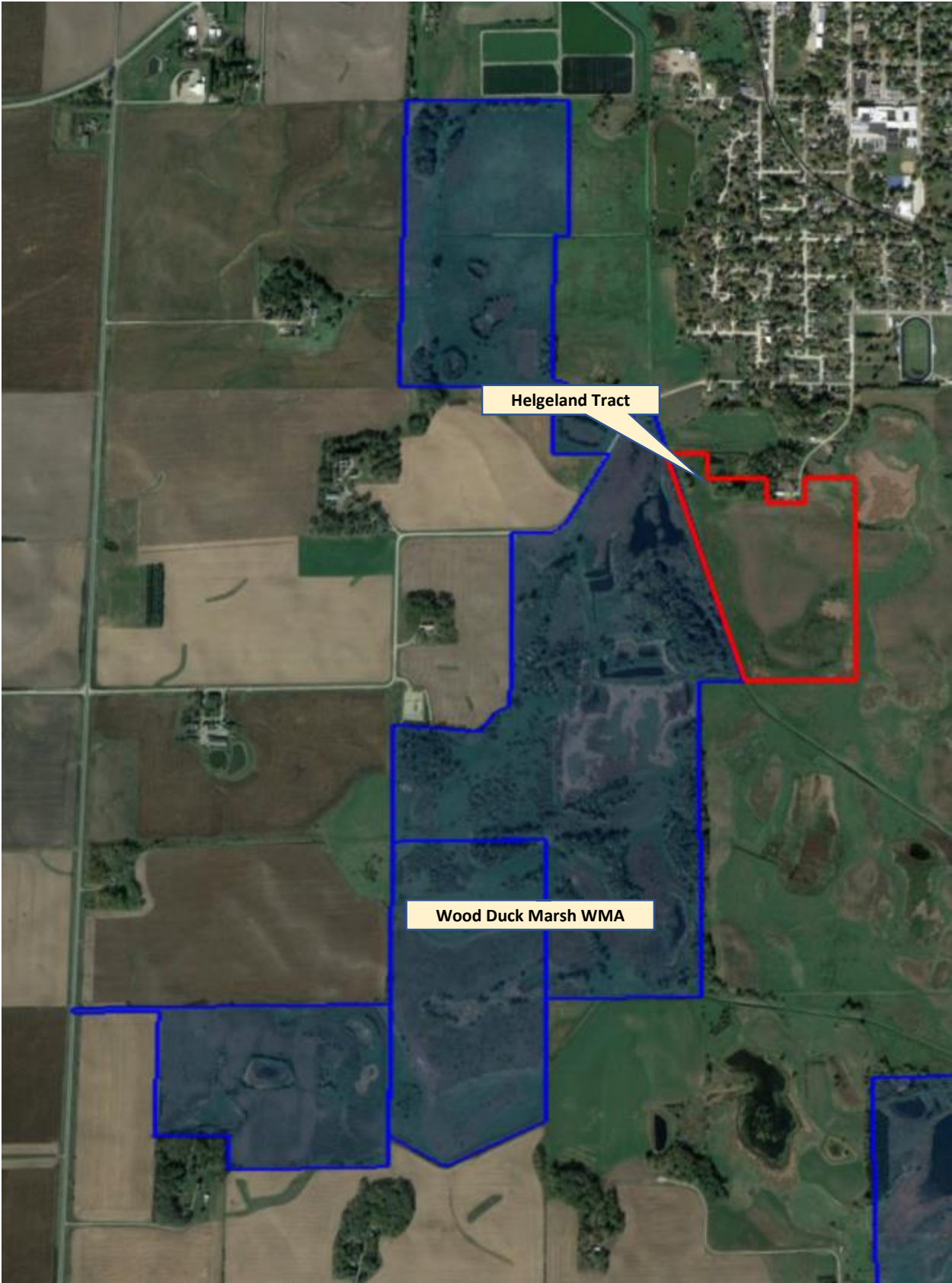
Purpose: This acquisition will provide for critical wildlife habitat and water quality enhancement to the adjacent lands. The property will provide public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$43,000 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$29,000 Des Moines Lobe II NAWCA

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. The property will remain on property tax rolls.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
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***13. Public Land Management Projects**

13.1 Chapter 18 Lease Renewal – Dickinson County – Bruce Lorch

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 18 lease 61-R with Bruce Lorch of Ocheyedan IA.

Location: A portion of dedicated public land approximately 28.4 feet in frontage and 4.8 feet in depth adjacent to Lot 10 and South 15 feet of Lot 11, Black 35, Triboji Beach, Dickinson County, Iowa.

Site Purpose: Leased area is occupied by a wooden deck attached to the adjacent cottage.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 1986.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$150.00 with a condition that the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The term of the lease will be five years.

13.2 Chapter 18 Lease Renewal – Muscatine County – CHS Inc.

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 18 lease 98-R with CHS Inc. of Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Location: A portion of the Mississippi River bed, 450' frontage and 145' of depth, located at River Mile 450, Section 27, Township 76 North, Range 2 West of the 5th P.M. in Muscatine County, Iowa.

Site Purpose: Structures facilitate the loading and unloading of barges.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 2002.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$4,486.00 with a condition that the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The term of the lease will be five years.

13.3 Chapter 18 Lease Renewal – Scott County – CHS Inc.

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 18 lease 105-R with CHS Inc. of Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Location: A portion of the Mississippi River bed, 765' frontage and 45' of depth, located at River Mile 475.7, Section 24, Township 77 North, Range 2 West of the 5th P.M., Scott County, Iowa.

Site Purpose: The lease accommodates the barge loading and unloading.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 1998.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$4,800.00 with a condition that the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The term of the lease will be five years.

13.4 Management Agreement – North Raccoon River Access – City of Perry - Dallas Co.

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the city of Perry for the Perry North Raccoon River Access located in Dallas County.

Location: The area is located adjacent to the west city limit of Perry in Dallas County and north of Hwy 141.

Site Purpose: This 4.93 acer area is part of the North Raccoon River Water Trail and is used as a fishing and river access for the North Raccoon River in Dallas County

Management History: This site has been managed by the City of Perry since 2007.

Management Agreement Term: The term of this Agreement with the City of Perry is for 25 years.

13.5 Management Agreement – Council Bluffs Riverfront and Friendship Park – City of Council Bluffs – Pottawattamie County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the city of Council Bluffs for the Council Bluffs Riverfront and Friendship Park located in Pottawattamie County.

Location: The area is located north of the Union Pacific Missouri River Bridge up to the Narrows River Access Park (County Property) along the Missouri River excluding the River's Edge Park.

Site Purpose: This 139 acre area consist of two parcels. The south parcel is locally known as Friendship Park and is used and managed as a park. The north parcel is locally known as Council Bluffs Riverfront and is managed more similarly to a wildlife area.

Management History: These two properties had historically been under separate management agreements. We seek to merge these areas into one agreement. These sites have been managed by the City of Council Bluffs since 1971 (Friendship Park) and 2002 (Council Bluffs Riverfront).

Management Agreement Term: The term of this Agreement with the City of Council bluffs is for 25 years. The renewal is supported by local staff.

13.6 Management Agreement Amendment – Council Bluffs Management and Title Transfer Agreement – City of Council Bluffs – Pottawattamie County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve an amendment to the Management and Title Transfer Agreement with the city of Council Bluffs for the River's Edge Park located in Pottawattamie County.

Location: The area is locally known as the River's Edge Park and is located north and south of the Interstate 480 Bridge along the Missouri River.

Site Purpose: This site is managed by the City of Council Bluffs as a park. This amendment seeks to update the agreement with the most recent Master Plan from the city for this area.

Management History: This 88-acre area was patented to the city of Council Bluffs in 2010 through a Management and Title Transfer Agreement. Previous to this Agreement, the city of Council Bluffs had managed the property since 2002.

Management Agreement Term: This Amendment seeks to update the existing Management and Title Agreement and will not alter the term in the original agreement. This Amendment is supported by local staff.

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14. Construction - Small Projects

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
4/6/23	23-06-49-04	Maquoketa State Park	Jackson	Project includes repairing the lagoon liner of the sewage treatment lagoon.	\$22,000	\$41,025.00 (rebid)
4/20/23	23-05-91-02	Lake Ahquabi State Park	Warren	Replace beach lift station components that include; pumps, rails, floats, and controls.	\$33,000	\$29,875.00

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15. Construction Item

15.1 Lake Manawa State Park, Parking and Boat Ramp Renovation – Pottawattamie County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Lake Manawa State Park is located in Council Bluffs and was dedicated in 1932. The park encompasses more than 1,500 acres including a 753-acre oxbow lake. Amenities include a paved nature trail, campground, boat ramps, a beach, concessionaire, picnic shelters, and a playground.

The boat ramp and parking lot located on the west side of the park were originally constructed in 1981 and need to be renovated. This project will remove all existing asphalt and concrete pavement and replace it with concrete placed over a granular base.



Engineering Project #: 21-04-78-02

Cost Estimate: \$600,000.00

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 75% Federal Boat Safety (Coast Guard), 25% Marine Fuel Tax

Bid Letting Date: 04/20/2023

Construction Completion Date: 09/29/2023

Number of Bids Received: 1

Bidders

Carly Construction, LLC

Council Bluffs, IA

\$599,211.55

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Carly Construction, LLC.



15.2 State Forest Nursery, Hoop Building – Story County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The State Forest Nursery is located in Ames, and was established by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. The nursery provides affordable, high-quality native plant material for use in timber production, wildlife habitat restoration, and erosion control.

This project will construct a hoop building structure over the existing mulch storage area. The hoop building will be 75' x 88' and will be anchored to a concrete block wall.



Engineering Project #: 23-02-85-01

Cost Estimate: \$230,000

Operating Bureau: Forestry

Funding Source: USDA Forest Service Grant

Bid Letting Date: 4/20/2023

Construction Completion Date: 10/27/2023

Number of Bids Received: 3



Bidders

A&B Construction, LTD	Harper, IA	\$198,694.90
Leffler Dirtworks, LLC	Oskaloosa, IA	\$227,000.00
Vieco Development & Construction	St. Joseph, MO	\$238,580.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to A&B Construction, LTD.

15.3 Lake Wapello State Park, Office and Storage Building – Davis County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Lake Wapello State Park is located east of Unionville, and was opened to the public in 1936. Named after the famous Native American Chief Wapello, Lake Wapello State Park boasts a variety of outdoor opportunities. More than 1,000 acres of beautiful wooded hillsides offer scenic picnic areas, and the lake provides a relaxing atmosphere for activities such as canoeing, kayaking and fishing. The Lake Wapello beach house was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corp and its pueblo style architecture makes it one of the most unique buildings in the state park system.



In the late 1950's, park staff converted a CCC horse barn to a shop and office, and have been using it in that capacity since. The interior of the structure is in need of renovation. Rather than renovate the existing structure, a new shop and office building will be constructed and the existing structure will be used as storage. The new shop and office building will be constructed of Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs), covered in steel siding and asphalt shingles. The storage/shop area will have three heated bays. The office portion of the building will consist of a shared office, breakroom, and restroom. The main entrance to the building will have a design-guide heavy timber truss overhang.

Engineering Project #: 23-05-26-01

Cost Estimate: \$910,000.00

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100% Infrastructure
Bid Letting Date: 04/20/2023
Construction Completion Date: 03/01/2024
Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

Burkett Construction LLC	De Soto, IA	\$932,556.00
Vieco Development & Construction	St Joseph, MO	\$938,620.00

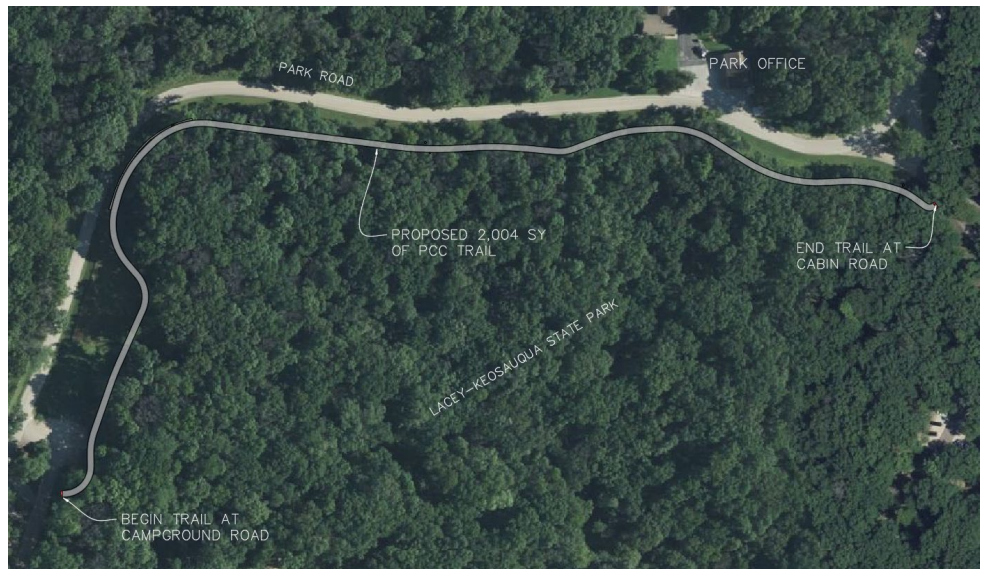
Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Burkett Construction LLC.

15.4 Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, 2023 Concrete Trail – Van Buren County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Lacey Keosauqua State Park consists of 1,653 acres of hills, bluffs, and valleys along the Des Moines River. Park facilities include a campground with modern restrooms and showers, six seasonally open modern cabins, two picnic shelters, two lodges, and a 30-acre lake.

Currently there are no pedestrian or bicycle accommodations from the campground to the beach. Campers must either drive or walk along a busy rural road. This project will provide an ADA accessible route from the campground to the beach and cabins.



Lacey-Keosauqua’s Friends Group has provided funding support for various projects within the park and will be donating the funds for this project. As part of the agreement, the Friends Group has asked for Cole Construction Co, Inc., a local contractor, to complete the project. The DNR has successfully worked with Cole Construction on other projects in the past.

Construction Needed: This project consists of constructing 1,800 feet of concrete trail, ten feet wide, within Lacey Keosauqua State Park. Work includes subgrade preparation, culvert installations, and concrete placement.

Engineering Project #: 23-06-89-01
Cost Estimate: \$185,000
Operating Bureau: Parks
Funding Source: Private Donation (Lacey-Keosauqua Friends Group)
Construction Completion Date: 9/15/2023

Bidders

Cole Construction Co, Inc.	Keosauqua, IA	\$178,169.70
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IDNR recommends awarding the contract to Cole Construction Co, Inc.

15.5 Missouri River Wildlife Flood Repairs – Harrison, Monona, Shelby and Woodbury Counties

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: This contract addresses flood damage that occurred in six different wildlife management areas, Tyson Bend WMA, Rosenow Timber WMA, Deer Island WMA, Louisville WMA, Weedland WMA and Luton WMA. These areas are located along the Missouri River. Habitat in these areas consist of marsh, timber, forest, and upland. Popular game species include deer, turkey, squirrel, pheasant, waterfowl, rabbit, dove, and quail. These areas also provide boat access to the Missouri River.



Flooding in 2019 damaged multiple wildlife areas. Roads, parking lots, a water control structure, and a wetland pumping station were damaged. Road and parking lot repair work consists of filling in scour holes, removing deposited sediment, tree debris removal, and placing new rock surfacing on two miles of road. Water control structure repairs consist of replacing damaged safety railing, and resetting a foot bridge. Pump station repairs consist of replacing all electronic equipment, the mechanical pumps, and the river-side sluice gate.



Engineering Project #: 21-04-43-02

Cost Estimate: \$549,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council

Bid Letting Date: 03/23/2023

Construction Completion Date: 9/30/2023

Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

Next Phase Environmental, Inc.	Underwood, IA	\$1,106,860.08
KRW Construction, Inc.	Blair, NE	\$1,608,890.08

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Next Phase Environmental, Inc.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***16. Contract Amendment with R & S Waste Disposal, LLC.**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with R & S Waste Disposal, LLC.

Amendment- 21CRDPBJPEAC-0035 A01

Amendment Amount: \$7,725.00/year

Amendment Dates: June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2025

Funding Source(s): General Fund

Amendment Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to extend the end date of the contract for another two years for the performance of the tasks in the original contract. The original contract provides services for year-round collection, hauling, and disposal of garbage from Springbrook State Park.

Original Contract Purpose:

Throughout the year, and even more so during peak season, trash removal service is essential for general park users, renters of our day-use facilities, and campers. This service is vital for continuing to provide the quality and standards that park users have come to expect from Iowa State Parks while also allowing park staff to maintain their facilities and grounds.

Original Selection Process: In 2021, the criteria reviewed for this work included adhering to the tasks as laid out in the Request for Quote (RFQ) Solicitation, completing and timely submission of the RFQ Cost Proposal, as well as being a responsive and responsible bidder.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount \$14,350.00; Timeframe: June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2023; Purpose: Trash Removal

Amendment 1 Terms: Amount: \$7,725.00/year; Timeframe: June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2025; Purpose: To extend the contract for two more years with commensurate compensation.

Sherry A. Arntzen, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

Chief **Conservation and Recreation Division**

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17. Contract with Iowa State University

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Iowa State University of Ames, Iowa.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$163,266.00

Dates: 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025

Funding Source(s): Federal USFWS Competitive State Wildlife Grant

Contract Purpose: This three-year agreement is part of a Federal grant in which Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Minnesota are cooperating to develop a community science program referred to as the Midwest Bumble Bee Atlas. As pollinators, bumble bees are essential contributors to the health of ecosystems in Iowa and across the Midwest, but there is alarming evidence that bumble bee populations are declining. There is a need for a regionally comprehensive bumble bee monitoring program to fill knowledge gaps in current distribution, site occupancy, and habitat associations of bumble bees. Outcomes of this project will be increased understanding of the status and habitat needs of these essential pollinators, greater awareness of the Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), and evidence-based conservation recommendations. By engaging the public, this program will help to build a network of volunteers that can help monitor bumble bees using a model that has been successfully used in the Pacific Northwest.

This subaward is for Iowa State University to provide the service of conducting research on bumble bee use of sites enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program and established in certain conservation practices designed to benefit pollinators. In addition, ISU will assist other project partners with completion of bumble bee surveys, with overall project coordination, and with providing training workshops and outreach presentations.

Selection Process Summary: Iowa State University partnered with four states to develop a federal grant proposal which was selected for funding by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This is a sub-recipient award for the portion of the project which Iowa State University committed to completing for Iowa. Development of agreements is authorized under Iowa Code section 455A.4(6) and 456A.24.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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18. 28E -- Amendment 1 with Department of Administrative Services

Commission approval is requested for an amendment to a 28E with Department of Administrative Services.

Amendment--1

Terms:

Amendment Amount: \$6.8 million

Amendment Dates: May 12, 2023 to April 13, 2038

Funding Sources: Honey Creek Resort special FY24 appropriation (\$6 million) and State Parks' FY23 Infrastructure appropriation (\$800k)

Amendment Purpose: Honey Creek Resort underwent a condition assessment in the fall of 2022. Deferred maintenance needs were identified at that time. DAS and the new concessionaire agreed that the State would provide funding for and take lead on addressing the deferred maintenance that pre-dated the new concessionaire's operation. DNR and DAS's recently-approved 28E for Honey Creek Resort needs to be amended to account for DNR transferring funds to DAS for this purpose. The funding comes primarily from a just-approved Honey Creek Resort special appropriation, with a small balance coming from State Parks infrastructure dollars.

DNR shall provide funding to DAS for the deferred maintenance. DAS shall oversee and manage the deferred maintenance needs over the next two to three years using these funds.

Tamara McIntosh, General Counsel
Legal Services Bureau
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