

**Natural Resource Commission
and
Environmental Protection Commission
Joint Informational Meeting Minutes**

Location: Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery
2404 S Duff Ave, Ames, IA
Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Time: 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Introductions and Opening Remarks:

- DNR Director, Kayla Lyon, provided an update on the preparation work for the State Fair and programming, the partnership with the ICUBS to do an Outdoors Day at the ballpark this Sunday, and Lake of Three Fires beach closure update. The Director and Division Administrators (Pete Hildreth and Ed Tormey) provided information about the budget and legislation passed, which included the sunset of parks housing in two years, RIIF funding, changes to the bottle bill, additional deer tags in January and a request to conduct a deer study, adding methods of take to turkey season, clean up bill for solid waste, and E15 bill signed.
- EPC Chair, Harold Hommes, discussed the EPC's May election and EPC members present (Stephanie Dykstra, Amy Echard, Patricia Foley) introduced themselves.
- NRC Vice Chair, Tom Prickett, noted his interest in seeing the State Forest Nursery renovations from the last time the NRC toured the area and NRC members present (Laura Hommel, Margo Underwood, Laura Foell, Uriah Hansen) introduced themselves.

Presentations (approx. 20 minutes each):

- Drought/Flood Conditions – Tim Hall, ESD Hydrology Resources Coordinator provided a drought update.
- Avian Influenza - Adam Broughton, ESD Environmental Specialist, and Chris Ensminger, CRD Wildlife Supervisor, provided an update.
- Social Media - Jessie Brown, Information Specialist in the Communications Bureau, presented information on the DNR's social media outlets.

State Forest Nursery Tour (inside and outside):

Jeff Goerndt, Forestry Section Supervisor, Patrick Griffin, Nursery Manager, and SFN staff provided a tour of the facility and planting demonstration.

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