

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Thursday, March 13, 2025

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6200 Park Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Walnut Woods Conf Room

Wednesday, March 13, 2025

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 Alicia Plathe at Alicia.Plathe@dnr.iowa.gov or 6200 Park Ave Ste 200, Des Moines IA 50321 up to 24 hours prior to the business meeting.

1.	Approval of Agenda Consent Agenda (*within agenda indicates proposed consent agenda item) *6. Contract Amendment with City Industries, Inc.-Printing and Distribution of the Iowa Hunting, Trapping, and Migratory Game Bird Regulations *9. Contract with JEO Consulting Group, LLC-Funnel Trap Placement, Forestry *10. Contract with Waste connections of Iowa Inc-Waste Management Services for Gull Point State Park Complex *11. Contract Amendment with People Service, Inc-Drinking Water Operations Assistance at Lewis and Clark State Park and Wilson Island State Recreation Area *16. Contract with Confluence-Water Trail Planning Services	Decision	Commission
2.	Approval of the Minutes	Decision	Commission
3.	Director's Remarks	Information	Kayla Lyon
*4.	Donations	Decision	Pete Hildreth
5.	Brass Bluegill Award Presentation	Information	Gustaf Elliott
*6.	Contract Amendment with City Industries, Inc.-Printing and Distribution of the Iowa Hunting, Trapping, and Migratory Game Bird Regulations	Decision	Mick Klemesrud
7.	Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Program; County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs-Notice of Intended Action	Decision	Michelle Wilson
8.	Contract with Wildlife Management Institute-Assistant Range Manager, Banner Shooting Range and Butch Olofson Shooting Range	Decision	Jonathan Jones
*9.	Contract with JEO Consulting Group, LLC-Funnel Trap Placement, Forestry	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
*10.	Contract with Waste connections of Iowa Inc-Waste Management Services for Gull Point State Park Complex	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
*11.	Contract Amendment with People Service, Inc-Drinking Water Operations Assistance at Lewis and Clark State Park and Wilson Island State Recreation Area	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
12.	Small Construction Projects: Road Improvements-Hawthorn Lake WMA; Erosion Repair-Grand River Wildlife Unit; CMP Structure Removal and Replacement-Four Mile Lake WPA	Information	Travis Baker
13.	Large Construction Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	13.1 Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit, Flood Damage Repairs Phase 2		
	13.2 Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit, Flood Damage Repairs Phase 3		
	13.3 Brushy Creek State Recreation Area, Campground Renovation		
	13.4 Lake Anita, Prairie Rose, and Viking Lake State Parks, Sign Replacements		

13.5	Fairport Fish Hatchery Roof Replacements		
13.6	Shimek State Forest, Pavement Maintenance		
13.7	Nishnabotna Wildlife Management Unit, Road Maintenance		
14.	Contract with Stantec Consulting Services-Cedar River Project at Palisades-Kepler State Park	Decision	Travis Baker
15.	Contract with Shive-Hattery-Plan and Design of Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Decision	Travis Baker
*16.	Contract with Confluence-Water Trail Planning Services	Decision	Travis Baker
17.	Contract with the Poweshiek County Conservation Board-Diamond Lake State Park	Decision	Travis Baker
18.	Timber Stand Improvement with Brett Meyer for Yellow River State Forest	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
19.	General Discussion		
Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday, April 8, Storm Lake ● Thursday, May 8, Des Moines 			

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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

February 12, 2025

**Video Teleconference
and
6200 Park Ave.**

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 10:00 am on February 12, 2025 via video/teleconference attendees.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Uriah Hansen
- Tom Prickett
- Tammi Kircher
- KR Buck
- Laura Kudej
- Marcus Branstad

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

- Laura Foell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included:

- Public Land Management Projects (11.1-11.6)
- Contract with Iowa State University (Acoustic Bat Monitoring)
- Chapter 30 - Waters Cost-Share and Grants Program, Low-Head Dam Public Hazard Grant Recommendations
- Contract with Lundquist Living Trust (IHAP)

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

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 informed Commissioners of the upcoming hunter listening sessions and noted that Wildlife staff will present a recap of all the input received to the Commission when ready.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth reported that the locations of the April NRC meeting will be moved to Storm Lake, Iowa.
- DA Hildreth shared with the Commissioners that he recently attended a pair of bureau statewide meetings and served as a keynote speaker at the Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever state convention.
- DA Hildreth gave an overview of the 2024-2025 hunting seasons for deer including harvest numbers and CWD surveillance outcomes.

CHAPTER 35 – FISH HABITAT PROMOTION FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Randy Schulz requested Commission approval for the grant recommendations presented for the Fish Habitat Promotion for County Conservation Board grant.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, INC. (WMI)- FISHERIES SPECIALISTS

George Scholten requested Commission approval for a contract with WMI to fill up to 6 Fisheries Specialists positions.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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 agenda by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 23 – WILDLIFE HABITAT PROMOTION WITH LOCAL ENTITIES PROGRAM GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Kelsey Fleming requested Commission approval for the grant recommendations presented for the Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program grant. During her presentation, Miss Fleming noted that Wright County denied partial funding and that the committee recommends to fully fund the Wapello County project.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the item, removing partial funding for Wright County and fully funding Wapello County at \$50,000. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH VERSAR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS-CREP PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Kelsey Fleming requested Commission approval for a contract with Versar Global Solutions to prepare the Programmatic Environmental Assessment, Notice of Availability, scoping letters, and consultation letters for the CREP Agreement.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

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Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH PHEASANTS FOREVER-PRIVATE LANDS ASSISTANCE

Kelsey Fleming requested Commission approval for a contract with Pheasants Forever to provide additional assistance to the Iowa DNR Private Lands program. Miss Fleming clarified that the contract statement of work included work products such as habitat proposals and wildlife plans.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS-DIKE REPAIR AT RIVERTON WMA; RIPRAP INSTALLATION AT SUGEMA WILDLIFE UNIT

Travis Baker presented information to the Commission regarding a dike repair project at Riverton WMA and a riprap installation project at Sugema Wildlife Unit.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

INFORMATION

LARGE CONSTRUCTION- LEDGES STATE PARK, EAST SHOWER BUILDING REPLACEMENT – BOONE COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a shower building replacement at Ledges State Park.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION- DNR FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING, CONSERVATION DISCOVERY AREA – POLK COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for the construction of a Conservation Discover Area at the DNR fairgrounds building. Tammie Krausman responded to questions regarding the planned sensory components of the area.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tom Prickett to approve the item as presented. Seconded by KR Buck.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION- RED ROCK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT (WMU) ROAD MAINTENANCE – WARREN, POLK AND MARION COUNTIES

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a road maintenance project at the Red Rock WMU.

Public Comments – None
Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION- LAKE WAPELLO STATE PARK, PARKING LOT PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE – DAVIS COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a parking lot pavement maintenance project at Lake Wapello State Park.

Public Comments – None
Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION- LAKE KEOMAH STATE PARK – LODGE WINDOW REPLACEMENTS - MAHASKA COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a project to replact windows at a lodge at Lake Keomah State Park.

Public Comments – None
Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC LAND ACQUISITION- GLADFELTER MARSH WMA, HANCOCK COUNTY – JERRY AND CAROL TLACH

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Hancock County adjacent to Gladfelter Marsh WMA.

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

Tom Prickett-aye, Tammi Kircher-aye, Laura Foell-absent, KR Buck-aye, Laura Kudej-aye, Uriah Hansen-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC LAND ACQUISITION- GRANT CENTER WMA, MONONA COUNTY – IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Monona County near Grant Center WMA.

Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the item as presented. Seconded by KR Buck.

Tom Prickett-aye, Tammi Kircher-aye, Laura Foell-absent, KR Buck-aye, Laura Kudej-aye, Uriah Hansen-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 30-WATERS COST-SHARE AND GRANTS PROGRAM. WATER TRAILS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WATER TRAILS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for the grant recommendations for the Waters Cost-Share and Grants program.

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Several Commissions shared their plans to attend the hunter listening sessions that will be held throughout the state in February.
- Commissioner Buck thanked the Department for adjusting the April meeting to Storm Lake and discussed UTV licensing comments he has received.
- Commissioners reported out on their upcoming outdoor plans and attendance at hunting/fishing related banquets.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Marcus Branstad adjourned the Natural Resources Commission meeting at 10:43 am on February 12, 2025.

ADJOURNED

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

Decision Item

***Item #4** (**indicates proposed consent item*)

Donations

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Yellow River State Forest	\$60,000.00	Solar panel array for the Yellow River State Forest office/shop complex.	Friends of Yellow River State Forest
Black Hawk State Park	\$1,422.00	Donation for a memorial park bench at Black Hawk State Park.	Susie Petersen
Lake Macbride State Park	\$1,000.00	Donation for trail improvements at Lake Macbride State Park.	Spillway Running Trail
Iowa State Parks	\$85.00	Iowa State Parks Online Donation totals for January 2025. Includes 85 individual \$1 donations.	Park Reservation System Users
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$500.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	John and Dawn Morgan
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Chet Starr.	Kris And Craig Rash
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$500.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Janice Kerkove
Parks and Forestry	\$500.00	Donation to Parks and Forestry.	Janice Kerkove
Big Trees Program	\$250.00	Donation to the Big Trees Program.	Janice Kerkove
Wildlife Diversity	\$250.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	Janice Kerkove
Wildlife Diversity	\$50.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	James Anderson
Big Trees Program	\$50.00	Donation to the Big Trees Program.	James Anderson
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	James Anderson
Parks and Forestry	\$100.00	Donation to Parks and Forestry.	James Anderson
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Mike Biderman.	Romy Bolton
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Brad Church.	Scott Larson
Parks and Forestry	\$50.00	Donation to Parks and Forestry in honor of Larry Lawrence.	Frank Lawrence

Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Larry Kenneth Lawrence.	Joan McMillin
Wildlife Diversity	\$100.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund in honor of Paula Huebner.	Del Huebner
Wildlife Diversity	\$6.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	Pat Mattern
Wildlife Diversity	\$100.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund in honor of Robert Hoehle.	Deb Thomas
Parks and Forestry	\$50.00	Donation to Parks and Forestry in honor of Larry Lawrence.	Julie Lawrence
Wildlife Diversity	\$300.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund in honor of Robert Lee Hoehle.	John Detlefsen
Wildlife Diversity	\$25.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund for Iowa's songbirds.	L. Christine White
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$117.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Kane Fairman
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Dale Wulf
Yellow River State Forest	\$100.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	Keith Dearborn
Black Hawk State Park	\$100.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund in honor of Robert Hoehle.	Thomas Zisko
Lake Macbride State Park	\$35.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in honor of Robert Lee Hoehle.	Elizabeth Baum-Ferree
Iowa State Parks	\$100.00	Donation to support youth fishing education and outreach in memory of Tony Muller.	Carol, Brenda and Jay Struve

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

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

Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***6. Contract Amendment-1 with City Industries, Inc.**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment City Industries, Inc., Des Moines.

Amendment--1 Terms:

Amendment Amount: \$35,655.25

Dates: May 30, 2025 to May 29, 2026

DNR shall have the option to extend this Contract for up to six years from the beginning date of the original contract by executing a signed amendment prior to the expiration of this contract.

Funding Source: Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

Contract Purpose: Renew the contract with City Industries, Inc., to print and distribute 115,000 copies of the 2025-26 Iowa Hunting, Trapping and Migratory Game Bird Regulations to an estimated 800 different locations in and around Iowa. The Department produces this rules and regulations booklet annually.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and published a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website

- Proposal Due Date: Feb. 28, 2024
- Proposals Received: 3
- Recommendation: City Industries, Inc.

Vendor	City, State	Alternative 1 Paper: 30# Supercalendar SCB Grade	Alternative 2 Paper: 35# Supercalendar SCB Grade
City Industries, Inc.	Des Moines, IA	\$32,664.51	No Bid
Liberty Press LLC	Springville, UT	\$35,446	\$35,446
Advance Color Graphics	Anaheim, CA	\$52,491.72	\$51,814.30

Mick Klemesrud, Information Specialist
Communications Outreach and Marketing Bureau
March 13, 2025

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

Decision Item

7. **Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs – Notice of Intended Action**

The Commission is requested to approve the Notice of Intended Action – Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs.

Basic Intent of Current Rule: Chapter 33 defines the processes and requirements for entities to receive funding through the private cost-sharing funds in the county, city, private open spaces and conservation education grant programs of the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund (REAP). REAP is funded through a state appropriation and, by law, those funds must protect Iowa's natural resource heritage of air, soils, waters, and wildlife for the benefit of present and future citizens.

Proposed Rule Change: As part of 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2385, effective July 1, 2024, the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Conservation Education Program funds are now administered by the Department and REAP Coordinator instead of by the Conservation Education Program Board. Due to this change, the Department is proposing this rulemaking to create a review and selection committee that will assist the REAP Coordinator in the award of Conservation Education Program grants and disbursement of funds.

Michelle Wilson, REAP Coordinator
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2024

Attached: Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs NOIA

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

The Natural Resource Commission (Commission) hereby proposes to amend 571 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 33, "Resources Enhancement and Protection Program County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 455A.19.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 455A, subchapter II.

Purpose and Summary

During the 91st General Assembly, 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2385 was passed. This bill eliminated the Conservation Education Board. As of July 1, 2024, the Resource Enhancement and Protection's (REAP) conservation education funds are now administered by the Department of Natural Resources (Department) and the REAP Coordinator instead of by the Conservation Education Board. Due to this change, the Department is promulgating rules to award the conservation education program grant funds, to include creating a review and selection committee.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 571-Chapter 11.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit comments concerning this proposed rulemaking. Written comments in response to this rulemaking must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 7, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

Michelle Wilson, REAP Coordinator

Department of Natural Resources; 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200; Des Moines, Iowa 50321

Phone: (515) 446-0535

Email: Michelle.Wilson@dnr.iowa.gov

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Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

April 23, 2025; 1:30 – 3:30 PM; 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200, Gull Point Conference Room.

(In person only)

May 7, 2025; 1:30 – 3:30 PM; Virtual via Zoom

The May 7, 2025 hearing will be a virtual meeting only. A link for the virtual meeting will be provided to those who make a request to take part in the virtual hearing. The request for the link shall be submitted to Ms. Wilson by 9:00 AM on May 7, 2025.

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend the hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

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Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's

meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action proposed:

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 33.4(3) as follows:

33.4(3) Application deadlines are the same for county, city, and private open space grant programs. Conservation education program application deadlines are offered annually but not on the same schedule as the county, city, and private open space grant programs. Applications for all REAP grant programs will be reviewed and projects selected for funding at least once per year. The department shall publish on its website the date and time for submitting a funding proposal, providing at least 90 days' notice. Applications must be submitted to the department as described on the website.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 571—33.19(455A) as follows:

571—33.19(455A) Conservation education program policy.

33.19(1) Grants and agreements. The conservation education program board shall constitute a long-term integrated effort to support conservation education ~~for Iowa educators and students through formal and nonformal education projects and programs by means of competitively awarded grants and cooperative agreements.~~ To support this policy, the board may establish guidelines from time to time to direct applicants to priority areas for funding and shall give preference to grants that meet these guidelines. The board may provide funding for activities that expand the impact of the project and provide accessibility for widespread adoption of programs for implementation by others. The board may provide funding for tracking of project implementation and evaluation.

~~**33.19(1)** Conservation education program board. The board will review and amend, as needed, the review and selection criteria for competitive grants and policies of conduct.~~

33.19(2) Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to this division:

~~“Board” means REAP conservation education program board.~~

“Conservation education programs” means programs developed for formal (K-12 students), nonformal (preschool, adult and continuing education) and higher education (postsecondary and adult) programs, within the subject areas of natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

“Dissemination grant” means funds deployed for the purposes of executing projects previously funded by REAP conservation education program funds that were successful in execution and have transferability to other educators and conservation programs.

“Dissemination plan” means the required documentation for projects greater than \$10,000 funded by the REAP conservation education program funds. A dissemination plan contains specific details of the project, including expected outcomes essential for the uptake and use by educators and conservation programs.

“Educator” means any person who teaches environmental/conservation education. This may apply to certified teachers, governmental or private naturalists, education specialists, or others so determined by the ~~board~~ department.

“Environmental/conservation education materials” means materials that are developed or produced that provide knowledge, skills, processes and strategies that enhance Iowa citizens’ understanding of natural resources conservation and environmental issues.

“Stipends for Iowa educators who participate in innovative conservation education programs” may include tuition costs; acceptable food and lodging costs; substitute teacher costs; mileage expenses or separate allowances when applicable for educators to attend ~~board-approved~~ approved environmental/conservation education workshops, in-service programs and conferences; and other costs as approved by the ~~board~~ department.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 571—33.20(455A) as follows:

571—33.20(455A) Eligibility for funds. In years in which funds are made available, grant applications may be submitted by institutions of higher learning; government agencies, including local school districts; ~~nonpublic~~ private schools and home schools; area education agencies; daycares; and organizations; ~~and individuals with an Iowa residence.~~ Preference shall be given to Iowa ~~participants~~ residents.

33.20(1) Fund distribution. The total available funds will be distributed as follows:

a. The first \$50,000 will be awarded to public/private pre-K through 12 education disseminated as small grant awards not to exceed \$10,000 per request and no less than \$1,000 per request.

b. The next \$50,000 will be awarded to dissemination grants, if a dissemination project is provided by the department for the year.

c. The remaining \$250,000 will be awarded for large grant awards not to exceed \$80,000 per request. Large grant awards require a minimum of 33 percent matching funds either as an in-kind or cash match.

d. If all funds are not allocated through paragraphs 33.20(1)“a” and “b,” the remaining funds will be allocated to qualifying projects in paragraph 33.20(1)“c.”

33.20(2) Expenditure guidelines.

a. Eligible program types. Applicants can apply for funding that supports hands-on interactive types of educational experiences, such as workshops, trainings, field trips, or classroom activities, or passive education experiences, such as interpretive or wayside signs, brochures or video programming, or education center exhibits.

b. Personnel expenses. Requests for personnel expenditures shall not exceed 40 percent of the total grant request and can only be used for staff directly engaged with the educational offering. Administrative support personnel are not eligible grant fund expenses. An awardee will provide documentation on actual hours worked in order to receive the 40 percent reimbursement costs for

personnel. This does not include educator stipends, funding provided to individuals in order to attend a workshop, conference or training, all of which are allowable expenses under this grant program.

c. Travel expenses. Reimbursement is for in-state travel only; mileage, lodging, and food expenses will be reimbursed at the current state rate as found on the department of administrative services website.

d. Noneligible expenses. Grant funds cannot be used for technology or infrastructure development or construction whose singular function is not primarily and consistently dedicated to the program or exhibit for which grant funds are requested. Additionally, grant funds cannot be used for food and beverage costs or reimbursements.

ITEM 4. Rescind rule 571—33.21(455A) and adopt the following **new** rule in lieu thereof:

571—33.21(455A) Competitive grant project planning and review committee.

33.21(1) *Review committee.*

a. The director shall appoint a five-person review and selection committee to evaluate project applications. This committee shall include one representative of the department appointed by the director; one representative of the department of education science consultant or designee, one representative of the Iowa conservation education council, one representative of the Iowa association of naturalists, and one representative of the Iowa association of county conservation boards. Additionally, there shall be at least one alternate identified and designated by the director from each represented organization. Terms of appointment to the committee shall be on a three-year staggered term basis.

b. An individual who is a member, volunteer, or employee of an entity that has submitted a project shall not serve on the scoring committee during that award cycle. Instead, one of the alternates shall review and score in the individual's place.

33.21(2) *Competitive grant project selection criteria.*

a. Under the competitive grant program, a project planning and review committee shall establish criteria and scoring systems to be utilized in project evaluation. The criteria and scoring systems shall be submitted to the natural resource commission for approval.

b. The department shall publish on its website the date and time for submitting a funding proposal and the criteria and scoring system, providing at least 90 days' notice. Applications must be submitted to the department as described on the website.

c. Upon recommendation of the planning and review committee, the natural resource commission shall award the grants.

33.21(3) *Dissemination plan.*

a. After completion of the project awarded through the large grants, and prior to final request for reimbursement, the awardee shall complete a dissemination plan as provided on the department's website. Projects funded with conservation education program funds are intended to be replicable by other educators or conservation programs in Iowa.

b. Annually, the review and selection committee will review dissemination plans; select successful projects per criteria developed and approved by the natural resource commission; and offer additional award opportunities, not to exceed \$10,000 per awardee, of up to \$50,000 of conservation education program funds for other educators or conservation education programs to implement.

33.21(4) *Nonapplication of copyright.* Program materials developed from REAP funds for conservation education materials shall bear the REAP logo. However, materials developed under this grant shall not be copyrighted by the grantee unless the department gives permission. A digital copy of all program materials developed shall be supplied to the department as part of the dissemination plan.

ITEM 5. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.22(455A)**.

ITEM 6. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.23(455A)**.

ITEM 7. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.24(455A)**.

ITEM 8. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.25(455A)**.

ITEM 9. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.26(455A)**.

ITEM 10. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.27(455A)**.

ITEM 11. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.28(455A)**.

ITEM 12. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.29(455A)**.

ITEM 13. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.30(455A)**.

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8. Contract with Wildlife Management Institute

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Wildlife Management Institute of Cabot, Vermont.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$150,000.

Dates: March 17th, 2025 to December 31st, 2027

Funding Source(s): Fish and Wildlife Trust Funds (100%)

Contract Purpose: The DNR Communication, Outreach, and Marketing Bureau oversees several programs, including two staffed shooting ranges, as part of its Education, Outreach, and Marketing section. These efforts aim to encourage Iowans to engage with and conserve the state's natural resources.

To enhance operational efficiency and safety at both facilities, the DNR needs to increase staffing capacity at the Banner and Olofson Shooting Ranges. Currently, the ranges are primarily staffed with temporary positions, and it has become increasingly challenging to find qualified individuals for these limited roles. With only one full-time staff member dedicated to managing and overseeing both facilities, it has also been difficult to provide essential support and guidance to our temporary staff. This limits our ability to perform necessary maintenance and operational tasks, which are critical for ensuring consistent and efficient operations at the ranges.

By hiring an additional contract employee, we will be better able to balance the duties and responsibilities at both facilities, while also providing the public with a safe and clean place to recreate.

The contracted employee will work between 27-32 hours weekly as an Assistant Range Manager at both Banner and Olofson Shooting Ranges. This additional position will provide the needed oversight to temporary staff, serve as a range safety officer, and assist the Range Manager with executing various operational and maintenance related tasks.

Contract tasks include:

- Public Safety- Ensure control over the safety of all range patrons and employees by monitoring range users and respectfully, but immediately, addressing any behavior that could be considered unsafe.
- Range Maintenance- Ensure proper upkeep and function of range safety gear, target systems, equipment, facilities, and grounds.
- Transaction Processing- Oversee patron check-in, collect fees, and maintain accurate records in Range Point of Sale Systems.
- Range Information- Provide answers or resources to both customers and staff on policies and procedures to satisfy general questions.
- Promote Education- Conduct Range Safety Orientations and provide information on educational programs that are hosted at DNR ranges.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a request of proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Criteria Reviewed: Criteria reviewed for this work included Respondent's professional experience, Respondent's performance record, letter(s) of reference, Respondent's compliance and thoroughness of

response to RFP Technical Proposal, the capacity of the Respondent and Project Team to complete responsibilities in the Statement of Work, and the Respondent's work plan to complete the responsibilities described in the Statement or Work.

Proposal Due Date: February 28, 2025

of Proposals Received: 2

Recommendation: Wildlife Management Institute.

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Score (100 pts total)	Rank	Cost
Wildlife Management Institute	Cabot, Vermont	80	1	\$38,480.00/year with up to 3% annual increases and up to \$18,500/year fringe benefits
Purple Cow Recruiting	Nicholasville, Kentucky	65	2	\$38,480.00/year with up to 3% annual increases

Tammie Krausman, Communications, Outreach and Marketing Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

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Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***9. Contract with JEO Consulting Group, LLC**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with JEO Consulting Group, LLC of Ankeny, Iowa

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed **\$32,625.00**

Dates: April 29th, 2025 to October 29th, 2025

Funding Source(s): Federal Grant

Contract Purpose: The contractor will be responsible for setting up and servicing Lindgren funnel traps across multiple zones. In Zone 1, 60 traps will be placed and checked every two weeks, with samples collected, labeled, and kept frozen for submission to the DNR within 3 days. After servicing Zone 1, the traps will be moved to Zone 2, where 72 traps will be checked and serviced every two weeks. Similarly, in Zone 3, 66 traps will be monitored in the same manner. Upon completion of all trap servicing, the contractor will remove and clean all traps, submit any remaining insect samples to the DNR, and return all equipment, including GPS units, traps, and survey forms. This comprehensive process ensures timely data collection, proper sample handling, and equipment maintenance throughout the study.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a request of proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Proposal Due Date: February 14th, 2025

of Proposals Received: 1

Recommendation: JEO Consulting Group, LLC

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester

March 13, 2025

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Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***10. Contract with WASTE CONNECTIONS OF IOWA INC dba TOWN & COUNTRY DISPOSAL**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Town & Country Disposal of Rock Rapids, IA.

Contract Terms

Amount: \$57,459.04

Dates: April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027

Funding Source(s): General Fund

Contract Purpose: This contract provides services for year-round collection, hauling and disposal of garbage from Gull Point State Park and the Gull Point Shop/Office, Elinor Bedell State Park, Emerson Bay State Recreation Area, Hafer Landing, Marble Beach State Recreation Area, Mini-Wakan State Park, Pikes Point State Park, Templar State Recreation Area, Hattie Elston Park Access, and Ainsworth Beach at Orleans. Town & Country Disposal located in Rock Rapids, Iowa is the current service provider for these areas and has responded to service requests and fulfilled them in a timely manner.

The Gull Point State Park Complex has 11 areas where dumpsters are present. 5 of those areas are at campgrounds that generate a lot of trash. The other areas are popular boat ramps and day recreation areas. 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.

Contract tasks include:

- May & September Service to empty 43 dumpsters at all 11 locations 1 to 3 times per week.
- June - August Service to empty 43 dumpsters at all 11 locations 1 to 5 times per week.
- October Service to empty 43 dumpsters at all 11 locations 1 time per week.
- November - April Service to empty 1 dumpster at the Gull Point Shop/Office 1 time per week.
- On-call services, providing extra pick-ups in case of an emergency.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals by publishing a Request for Quote (RFQ) on the Department of Administrative Services Bid Opportunities website.

Criteria Reviewed: Criteria reviewed for this work included adhering to the tasks as laid out in the bullet points above, completion and timely submission of the RFQ Cost Proposal, as well as being a responsive and responsible bidder.

Proposal Due Date: 2/14/2025

of Proposals Received: 1

Recommendation: Waste Connections of Iowa, Inc dba Town & Country Disposal

Sherry L. Arntzen, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division

NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***11. Contract Amendment-1 with People Service, Inc.**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with People Service Inc., of Omaha, NE.

Amendment--#1 of this amendment to the original contract

Terms: 1 year

Amendment Amount: \$ 24,010

Amendment Dates: 4/1/25 to 3/31/26

Funding Source(s): General Fund

Amendment Purpose: The Parks, Forests and Preserves bureau has a current contract with People Service, Inc. to perform water testing two days a week and troubleshoot any issues with the water treatment plants at Lewis and Clark State Park and Wilson Island State Recreation Area as well as submit monthly operating reports to the local field office. Currently there is no staff certified for water treatment operations at either location. The contract with People Service, Inc. ensures the bureau is in compliance with current permits and providing safe drinking water for park users. In addition, the contract saves staff time and allows them to do other work in the parks. Staff would like to extend the contract for one more year.

Original Contract Purpose: Contractor must monitor and analyze drinking water in accordance with Federal, State, County, and Local requirements and guidelines in the operation permit. This includes overseeing daily testing in coordination with local park staff to ensure daily monitoring is completed during the operation season. The operator will visit the site to perform daily testing 2 times per week and work with local staff to complete testing the remaining 5 days of the week.

Contractor must provide operational oversight of one seasonal well and water treatment plant. This includes maintenance of chlorine injectors, refilling softener salt, and coordinating repairs to the well and plant as needed. All equipment and supplies shall be furnished by DNR staff.

Contractor must complete all monthly operational reporting requirements per the PWS facility operation permit. This task will be completed on a monthly basis by the 10th of each month.

Contractor must collect all samples required by the PWS facility operation permit and deliver to a certified laboratory for analysis. This includes testing but is not limited to testing for Fecal Coliform, chlorine, iron, manganese, and hardness. This Task will be completed on a based upon the requirements of the Routine Monitoring schedule in the Operation Permit on a monthly basis.

Original Selection Process: This was a publicly posted RFQ awarded based on lowest bid. People Service, Inc. was awarded the contract.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount \$ 23,100; Timeframe: 5/1/24 to 3/31/25

Amendment- #1; Terms: Amount: 24,010; Timeframe: 4/1/25 to 3/31/25; Purpose: extend contract for 1 year

Sherry Arntzen, Parks Forest and Preserves Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: 3/13/25

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12. 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
2/6/2025	24-05-62-01	HAWTHORN LAKE WMA	MAHASKA	This project consists of replacing an 18"x56' culvert, roadway blading & shaping and roadstone.	\$35,000.00	\$22,969.96 \$23,652.80 \$23,935.02 \$24,888.01 \$29,162.00 \$30,790.00 \$33,175.60 \$33,392.00 \$33,951.40 \$44,095.04
2/6/2025	23-04-80-01	GRAND RIVER WILDLIFE UNIT	RINGGOLD	The project is designed to repair headcuts (erosion). Work includes grading areas of scour and installing ditch checks.	\$52,000.00	\$24,773.64 \$45,432.80 \$46,431.80 \$55,465.00 \$76,125.98
2/13/2025	24-01-32-01	FOUR MILE LAKE WPA	EMMET	Work includes removal of the existing CMP structure, installation of a new 4'x4' precast vertical box, a small amount of tile work with connections, and some steel fabrication work.	\$34,000.00	\$26,241.00 \$28,380.00 \$37,625.00 \$38,440.00 \$39,700.00

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
 Conservation and Recreation Division
 NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

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13. Large Construction Item

13.1 Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit, Flood Damage Repairs Phase 2 – Fremont County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary:

Missouri River flooding in 2019 caused infrastructure damage on multiple Wildlife Management Areas in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. The DNR worked to receive FEMA public assistance funds for the repairs. FEMA obligated the initial repair project in 2021. However, due to the remote locations of the damages, Engineering and field staff determined that it would be difficult to source enough commercial fill to complete the repairs. Therefore, we asked FEMA for approval to borrow fill from adjacent areas. This triggered an archaeological review and a new version of the project, which was obligated in 2023. This project has a significant number of damaged sites that need to be designed, permitted and bid out and Engineering has been designing the repairs in phases to get the work completed.

This project involves repairing a breach in the Mill Creek levee.

Engineering Project #: 22-04-36-02

Cost Estimate: \$121,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council

Bid Letting Date: 2/20/2025

Construction Completion Date: 06/13/2025

Number of Bids Received: 1



Bidders

H. Johnson Services LLC

Creston, IA

\$162,778.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to H. Johnson Services LLC.

13.2 Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit, Flood Damage Repairs Phase 3 – Fremont County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary:

Missouri River flooding in 2019 caused infrastructure damage on multiple Wildlife Management Areas in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. The DNR worked to receive FEMA public assistance funds for the repairs. FEMA obligated the initial repair project in 2021. However, due to the remote locations of the damages, Engineering and field staff determined that it would be difficult to source enough commercial fill to complete the repairs. Therefore, we asked FEMA for approval to borrow fill from adjacent areas. This triggered an archaeological review and a new version of the project, which was obligated in 2023. This project has a significant number of damaged sites that need to be designed, permitted and bid out and Engineering has been designing the repairs in phases to get the work completed.

This project involves repairing sloughing and washouts along 11,000 feet of dikes in various locations throughout the wildlife unit.

Engineering Project #: 22-04-36-03

Cost Estimate: \$140,000

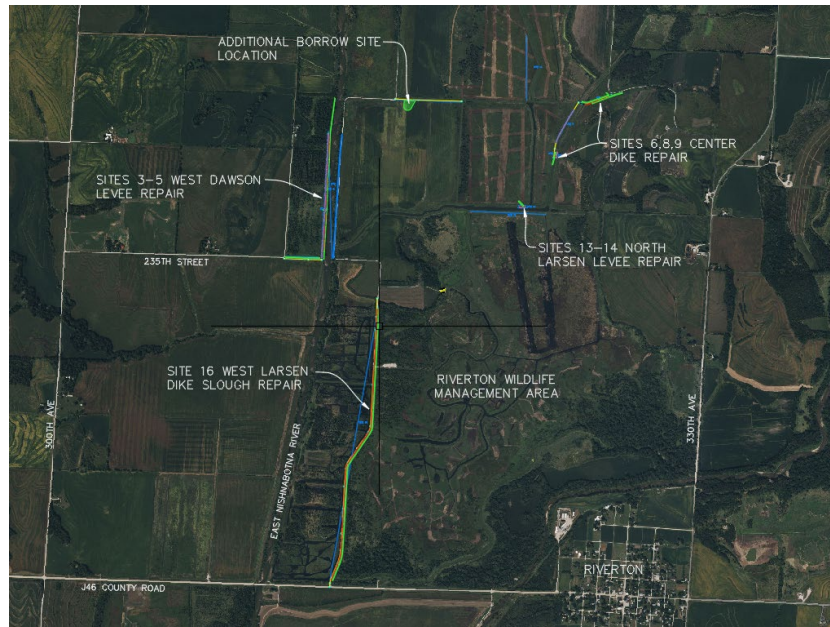
Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council

Bid Letting Date: 2/20/2025

Construction Completion Date: 09/12/2025

Number of Bids Received: 4



Bidders

Salter Wetlands Associates LLC	Joseph, MO	\$137,270.38
MDX LLC	Sidney, IA	\$180,793.60
Dynamic Grading LLC	Mount Ayr, IA	\$212,802.75
Three Oaks Construction Inc	Sioux City, SD	\$221,137.84

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Salter Wetlands Associates LLC.

13.3 Brushy Creek State Recreation Area, Campground Renovation – Webster County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Brushy Creek State Recreation Area is one of the largest state parks in Iowa, showcasing native prairie, grassland, timber, river and lake habitats across its 6,500 acres. This State Recreational Area includes Brushy Creek Lake, which is used for swimming, fishing and boating and includes more than 45 miles of trails, which make it a popular destination for horseback riding. The area also includes two equestrian campgrounds (north and south) and a campground located along the beach access road. This project is focused on improvements to all three Brushy Creek campgrounds.

North campground improvements include:

Deteriorated asphalt roads within the north equestrian campground area will receive an asphalt overlay; the north campground will have utility upgrades to the sanitary sewer, water mains, and electrical infrastructure; campsites will be reconstructed to allow for easier access; and, six ADA campsites will be constructed. In addition, parking areas will be modified to make better use of the open space and drainage improvements will take place throughout the site.

- The north equestrian campground will now have 109 campsites (previously it had 125) of which 27 will be full hookups, 24 will have electric/water hookups, 53 will have electric hookups only and five will be primitive.

Beach campground improvements include:

Utility upgrades to the sanitary sewer, water mains and electrical infrastructure; one campsite will be converted into an ADA campsite and an additional ADA campsite will be constructed; a new road will be constructed northeast of the campground, which will add 36 perpendicular parking spaces to the area; and, an additional parking area will be constructed at the south end of the campground.

- The beach campground will continue to have 47 campsites and include 26 full hookups and 21 electric hookups.

South campground improvements include:

Utility upgrades to the sanitary sewer, water mains and electrical infrastructure; campsites will be reconstructed to allow for easier access; three ADA campsites will be added as part of these improvements; and, parking areas will be modified to make better use of the open space.

- The south equestrian campground will continue to have 92 campsites and include 11 full hookups and 81 electric hookups. All electric hookups in the three campgrounds will be upgraded to 50-amp service.

Engineering Project #: 24-02-94-01

Cost Estimate: \$2,900,000.00

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 34% Park & Institutional Road Fund; 33% Park's Infrastructure; 33% LWCF Grant Matching Funds

Plans Issue Date: 1/29/2025

Bid Letting Date: 2/20/2025

Number of Bids Received: 9

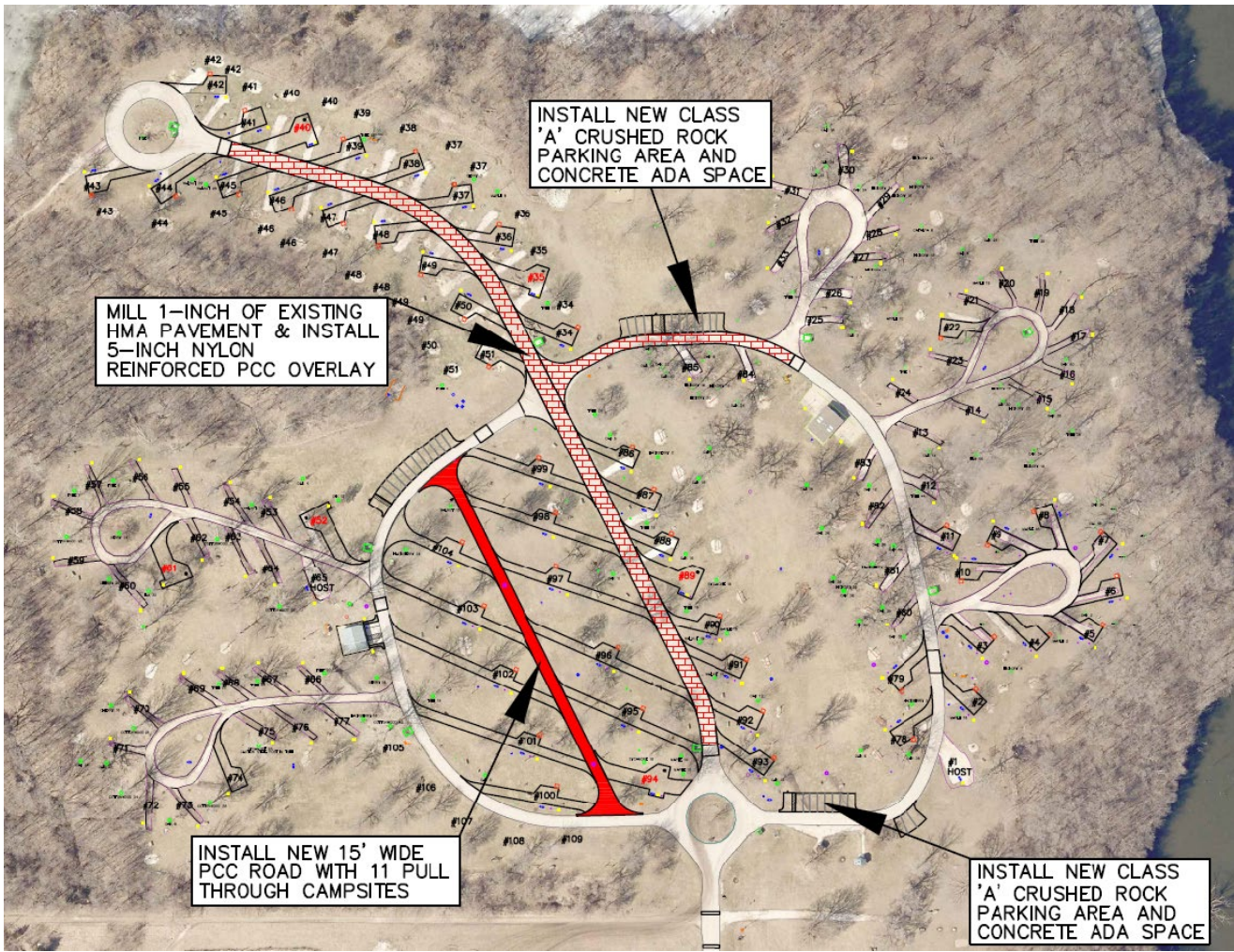
Bidders

TK Concrete Inc	Pella IA	\$2,675,685.50
Vieco Development & Construction Inc	St Joseph, MO	\$2,764,444.00
Riley Armstrong Plumbing & Heating	Fort Dodge, IA	\$2,776,666.73
Castor Construction LLC	Fort Dodge, IA	\$2,931,011.39
Graff Excavating Inc	Toledo, IA	\$3,198,584.60
Gehrke Inc	Eldora, IA	\$3,250,598.29
On Track Construction LLC	Nevada, IA	\$3,395,330.00
Iowa Civil Contracting Inc	Victor, IA	\$3,511,792.95
King Contracting LLC	Cedar Rapids, IA	\$3,703,244.00

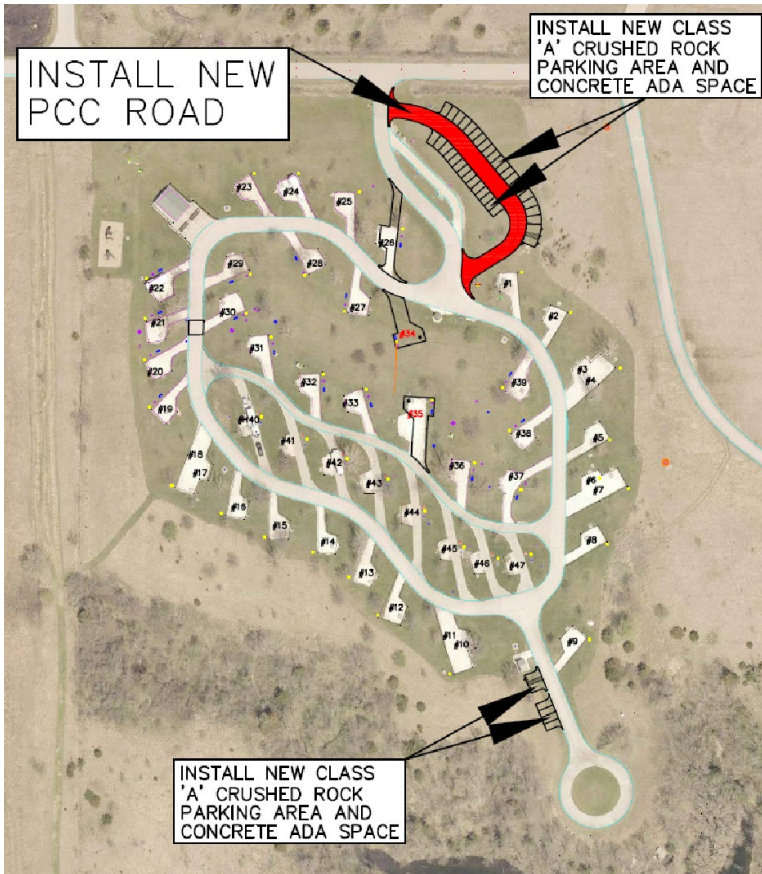
Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to TK Concrete Inc.

SITE EXHIBITS

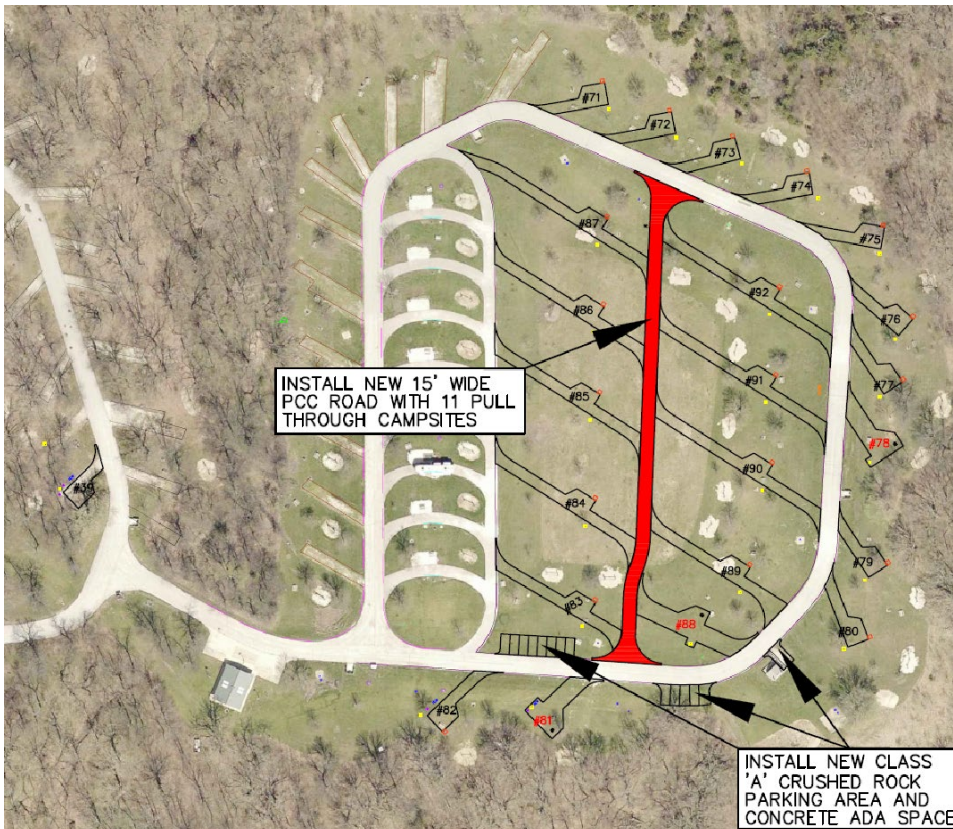
North Equestrian Campground



Beach Campground



South Equestrian Campground (East Half)



13.4 Lake Anita, Prairie Rose, and Viking Lake State Parks, Sign Replacements – Cass, Shelby, and Montgomery Counties

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Lake Anita State Park was dedicated in 1961, and encompasses 1,062 acres, including a 171-acre lake. Existing facilities include a beach, hiking trails, campground, playground, boat ramp, and a concession.

Prairie Rose State Park was dedicated in 1962, and encompasses 422 acres, including a 218-acre lake. Existing facilities include two picnic shelters, two campgrounds, two cabins, and approximately 7 miles of multi-purpose trails.

Viking Lake is a 137-acre man-made lake, located within a 1,000-acre state park. The lake was initially impounded in 1957. Park amenities include a beach, concession, campground, playground, hiking trails, boat ramp, and picnic areas.

This project will replace all signs and sign posts within the parks in accordance with the Iowa Parks Signage Guide. All signs will be manufactured by Iowa Prison Industries in Anamosa.

Engineering Project #: 25-04-15-02
Cost Estimate: \$255,000
Operating Bureau: Parks
Funding Source: Special Appropriation
Bid Letting Date: 2/20/2025
Construction Completion Date: 6/15/2025
Number of Bids Received: 6



Bidders

Voltmer, Inc.	Decorah, IA	\$159,418.00
Hartland Bobcat Services, LLC	Centerville, IA	\$202,574.53
Caliber Concrete, LLC	Adair, IA	\$228,285.65
Gross Construction, Inc.	Winterset, IA	\$235,677.00
Heritage Land Solutions	Story City, IA	\$248,292.00
Iowa Plains Signing, Inc.	Slater, IA	\$249,735.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Voltmer, Inc.

13.5 Fairport State Fish Hatchery, Roof Replacements – Muscatine County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Fairport Fish Hatchery is located eight miles east of Muscatine, IA. This scenic upper Mississippi River valley region has a very rich history. In 1891, John Boepple developed the freshwater pearl button industry in Muscatine in response to the national demand for buttons to use in the garment industry. Muscatine quickly became the center of the pearl button industry, and by 1900 more than 60 button companies or shell blank companies were located in, or near, Muscatine.

The land where the hatchery is located was donated to the federal government by the Association of Button Manufacturers. The facility was established as a biological station by Congress in 1908.

The roofing materials on two buildings at the State Fish Hatchery in Fairport have exceeded their useful life. This project will repair the roofs on the office and barn. All existing roofing material will be removed and any failing sheathing will be replaced before new shingles are installed. Portions of deteriorated soffit/fascia/crown molding will also be replaced and painted. Sections of the office will be modified to extend out over the entrance/exit doors.



Engineering Project #: 24-06-70-02
Cost Estimate: \$80,000
Operating Bureau: Fisheries
Funding Source: 100% REAP Land Management
Bid Letting Date: 2/20/2025
Construction Completion Date: 6/27/2025
Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

Economy Roofing & Insulating Co., Inc	Bettendorf, IA	\$98,440.00
Robison Construction	Cedar Rapids, IA	\$107,815.24

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Economy Roofing & Insulating Co., Inc.

13.6 Shimek State Forest, Pavement Maintenance - Lee County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Shimek State Forest is 9,148 acres in size. It is located in Lee and Van Buren Counties in Southeast Iowa. Shimek State Forest is one of the largest remaining single pieces of contiguous forest in Iowa. Its large unbroken tracts of oak-hickory forest mixed with nearly 1,000 acres of planted pine stands make Shimek a truly unique natural



resource. The forest served as a base for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s and 1940s, where they planted thousands of acres of hardwoods and conifers for demonstration purposes. The forest offers bountiful outdoor recreation opportunities, including camping, hiking, hunting, equestrian riding, fishing and more.

Two areas within the State Forest have sections of pavement which have failed or in the process of failing due to poor subgrade conditions. This project will address concrete pavement at the office and on a section of roadway southeast of the office. Work will include approximately 25 patches, new subgrade material, sealing of cracks and joints to prevent future subgrade deterioration from water infiltration, and new granular shoulder material.

Engineering Project #: 24-06-56-01

Cost Estimate: \$54,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100% Parks and Institutional Road Fund

Bid Letting Date: 2/20/2025

Construction Completion Date: 8/31/2025

Number of Bids Received: 1

Bidders

Mike Kilbride Construction Inc

Middletown, IA

\$64,634.50

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Mike Kilbride Construction Inc.

13.7 Keg Creek and Willow Slough Wildlife Management Areas, Road Maintenance - Mills County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Keg Creek WMA is a 107-acre area, consisting of ½ marsh and ½ upland. Willow Slough WMA is a 601-acre area, consisting of 2/3 marsh and 1/3 timber. Both WMA’s are in Mills County and both have roads to boat ramps. These areas have a diverse habitat that supports deer, pheasant, waterfowl and rabbit. Both areas are popular for hunting, fishing, bird watching, hiking and nature enthusiasts.



High vehicle traffic has worn the roadway crown down, which leads to standing/ponding water on the roadway, and resulting potholes. This project will repair all potholes, regrade the existing roadways to reestablish the roadway crown, and remove any high shoulder material (this will also help with roadway drainage). In addition, rock will be added to all roadways within this project area.

Engineering Project #: 23-04-65-01
Cost Estimate: \$150,000
Operating Bureau: Wildlife
Funding Source: Parks and Institutional Road Fund
Bid Letting Date: 2/20/2025
Construction Completion Date: 8/15/2025
Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

Dovel Construction, LLC	Hamburg, IA	\$137,550.00
Denney Construction	Osceola, IA	\$141,851.00

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

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
March 13, 2025

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14. Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$318,866.68

Dates: March 15, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2026

Funding Source(s): Marine Fuel Tax

Contract Purpose: The Cedar River flowing through Palisades-Kepler State Park is one of the most prolific sturgeon spawning areas in North America and encompasses a limestone gorge surrounded by urban populations of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City-Coralville to the northwest and south. It is also home to a dam that has been degrading over many decades. In part due to the number of visitors received, this area has number of safety concerns. Iowa DNR aims to reduce the number of on-water incidents here while preserving important aquatic conservation needs at one of the state's most important aquatic habitat sites. Key biological factors will need to be integrated with fluvial geomorphological elements and intensive modeling to create a project that is successful for key habitats involving engineers, parks staff, microbiologist, fisheries biologists (DNR) and malacologist (consultant) input. This contract includes a decision process to determine the exact project type through final engineering design on one of Iowa's large interior rivers.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a request of proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Criteria Reviewed: Criteria reviewed for this work included evaluation of the proposals for experience with dams and river restoration, relevant responses, understanding of the project, capacity, and cost.

Proposal Due Date: Jan. 31, 2025

of Proposals Received: 2

Recommendation: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Score (100 pts total)	Rank	Cost
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	Cincinnati, OH	88	1	\$318,866.68
Barr Engineering, Co.	Minneapolis, MN	77	2	\$521,310.00

Travis Baker, Land, Waters & Engineering Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

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15. Contract with Shive-Hattery (Wastewater Facility Design)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Shive-Hattery of West Des Moines, IA.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$254,500.00

Dates: April 1, 2025 to February 28, 2028

Funding Source(s): Parks Infrastructure

Contract Background: Volga, Wapello, Lacey-Keosauqua and Ledges State Parks each have their own wastewater treatment systems that need renovation to meet their new NPDES permit discharge limits.

The DNR Seeks to Purchase: Engineering services from a qualified engineering consulting firm for the facility plan and design of wastewater treatment renovations for four treatment facilities, located in:

Volga River State Recreation Area (Fayette County)

Lake Wapello State Park (Davis County)

Lacey-Keosauqua State Park (Van Buren County)

Ledges State Park (Boone County)

Contract Purpose: Shive-Hattery will prepare final designs, including drawings, specifications and cost estimates. The firm will be responsible for all aspects of design, from developing the facility plans through the construction bidding process, and will be retained to provide construction administration support during the construction process.

Selection Process Summary: The department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and published a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Proposal Due Date: 2/19/2025

Scoring Criteria: Proposals were scored based on the criteria as described in the RFP, which included their ability to complete the scope of work within the desired timeline, comprehensive work plan, description and quality of previous and applicable work experience, and cost.

Proposals Received: 2

Recommendation: Shive-Hattery

Consultant	Location (City, State)	Total Score (100 pts)
Shive-Hattery	West Des Moines, IA	79
Fehr Graham	Manchester, IA	64

Travis Baker, Engineering, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

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***16. Contract with Confluence, Inc.**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Confluence Inc., Des Moines, IA.

Contract Terms

Amount: not to exceed \$ 49,498

Dates: March 17, 2025 to January 31, 2026

Funding Source(s): Rebuild Iowa's Infrastructure Fund

Contract Purpose: The DNR (River Programs Section) requires professional planning services to develop the water trail existing conditions section of the water trails plan for 58 miles of the Cedar River in Floyd and Benton counties. This stream was recently selected for water trail planning by a scoring committee consisting of three DNR employees and two citizen river advocates. Sac County Conservation Board applied for these services and agreed to be the water trail sponsor.

A good water trail plan is one that is responsive to local desires and concerns. Through a series of local stakeholder meetings, public input sessions, and research, the water trail plan will establish a priority for infrastructure projects (i.e. developing new water accesses, improving existing accesses, adding access amenities, improved parking, and hazard mitigation). The plan will also identify any interpretive or educational programming needs, as well as offer potential solutions to any existing problems that are identified. Tasks in this contract include:

- Host multiple stakeholder and public input meetings. Analyze and integrate information collected into the plan.
- Research and report existing conditions of the water trail (i.e. river traffic/use; accesses; natural, geological, historical, and archeological resources).
- Draft a final existing conditions section with GIS data and include project recommendations.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a request of proposals on the Department of Administrative Services website. Criteria reviewed included cost; satisfactory performance on previous contracts similar in scope; contractor's professional experience, performance record, and letters of references; compliance and thoroughness of their response to RFP Technical Proposal; and the capacity and work plan of the service provider to complete responsibilities described in the statement of work.

Proposal Due Date: January 31, 2025

Proposals Received: 1

Recommendation: Confluence, Inc.

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Score (150 pts total)	Rank	Cost
Confluence, Inc.	Des Moines, Iowa	150	1	\$49,498

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

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Decision Item (*indicates proposed consent)

17. Contract with the Poweshiek County Conservation Board (Diamond Lake Park)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with the Poweshiek County Conservation Board (PCCB), of Montezuma, Iowa.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$78,315.00

Dates: March 15, 2025

Funding Source(s): Lake Restoration Program

Background: Constructed in the 1950s, Diamond Lake is a 98.7-acre lake with a 2,672 acre watershed which is comprised of a mix of public and privately owned lands. The lake is located in Diamond Lake County Park in Poweshiek County and is managed by Poweshiek County Conservation. With a 27: 1 watershed to lake area ratio, the lake is an excellent candidate for restoration. The watershed has a mix of forested land, crop land, and grassland. Water quality is considered average for the State of Iowa, but the lake suffers periodically from algae blooms that lead to poor water clarity. The maximum depth of Diamond Lake is about 20' with the mean depth being 7.2' although the depths in the norther portion of the lake are fairly shallow and there has been some sediment deposition in the arms of the lake since it was constructed.

Both landowners within the watershed and the park staff have worked to reduce sediment and nutrient inputs to the lake by installing a variety of best management practices on the landscape, but additional work is needed to better manage inputs to the lake. DNR and PCCB completed an assessment of the watershed in 2022 and began construction on several watershed practices within the park to address nutrient and sediment runoff in 2024. The rehabilitation of two existing watershed ponds, as well as the construction of a new watershed pond will help protect the lake. Construction is slated to be completed in 2025 (\$454k; \$341k LRP, \$113k PCCB).

DNR also worked with the CCB in 2015 to repair and modify the spillway at the lake outlet. The spillway was in need of repair, and upgrading the lakes infrastructure allowed project partners to modify the outlet structure to eliminate migration of undesirable fish species into the lake from downstream Moon Creek. Modification of the outlet was an important step in the long-term water quality improvement plan for Diamond Lake. The spillway modification was completed in 2015 for a total cost of \$160k, with the PCCB contributing \$32k to the project.

Contract Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to work with PCCB to retain a consultant to provide engineering services for the restoration of Diamond Lake. Engineering services provided under this contract include the evaluation of potential in-lake restoration practices that may include targeted dredging, shoreline stabilization, dam upgrades to improve drawdown capacity, re-establishing depth in the in-lake silt basin, new fish habitat structures, phosphorus inactivation, and recreational opportunities (such as fishing jetties).

Budget:

DNR Contribution	\$ 78,315.00
<u>Poweshiek County Conservation Board Contribution</u>	<u>\$ 26,105.00</u>
Total budget	\$ 104,420.00

Anticipated Future Work: Future work will include engineering design, permitting, and construction lake restoration practices selected through this evaluation process. Total anticipated costs for construction of in-lake practices is around \$3 million, and will likely include a combination of targeted dredging, shoreline restoration, fish habitat improvements, and new recreational opportunities.

Selection Process Summary: Intergovernmental contracting with the TCCB is authorized under 11 IAC 118.4.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: March 13, 2025

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18. Timber Stand Improvement with Brett Meyer for Yellow River State Forest

Commission approval is requested for a timber sale contract with Brett Meyer of Mabel, Minnesota for Yellow River State Forest.

Contract Terms

Amount: \$29,840.00

Dates: 10/01/24 to 04/01/2025

Funding Source(s): USDA Forest Service Grant (federal funds)

Contract Purpose: The contractor will perform necessary forest stand improvement treatments intended to improve the overall health, diversity and productivity of a 37.3 acre stand of timber that has been recently harvested using a selective harvest system.

The contractor will fell the understory woody plants to improve conditions for regeneration, cutting all woody stems from 1" to 8" dbh (diameter at breast height) down to a 6" stump. Felled trees of desirable species will be allowed to stump sprout. Desirable species include: oak, walnut, hackberry, black cherry, sugar maple and hickory. Undesirable species including elm, boxelder, ironwood and ash, must be treated with an herbicide. The contractor will treat all woody invasive species greater than 3 feet tall. These stems must be chemically treated using basal bark or cut stump method. Species to treat include: bush honeysuckle, Japanese barberry, buckthorn and autumn alive.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited quotes from targeted small businesses and also published an Informal Request for Quotes on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Date bids received: 9/15/24

Number of Bids Received: 1

Recommendation: Brett Meyer

Bidder	City, State	Amount of Bid
Brett Meyer	Mabel, MN	\$29,840.00

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester
Conservation and Recreation Division
March 14, 2025