

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Thursday, December 12, 2024

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Thursday, December 12, 2024

9:30 AM – NRC Business Meeting

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1.	Approval of Agenda Consent Agenda (*within agenda indicates proposed consent agenda item) *5. Donations *6. Contract amendment with Dan’s Sanitation-Lake Anita State Park Waste Management Services *7. Timber Sale Contract with Nelson Petersheim for Stephens State Forest *8. Public Land Management Projects (8.1-8.6)	Decision	Commission
2.	Approval of the Minutes	Decision	Commission
3.	Director’s Remarks	Information	Kayla Lyon
4.	Division Administrator’s Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
*5.	Donations	Decision	Pete Hildreth
*6.	Contract amendment with Dan’s Sanitation-Lake Anita State Park Waste Management Services	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
*7.	Timber Sale Contract with Nelson Petersheim for Stephens State Forest	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
*8.	Public Land Management Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	8.1 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Fairport Landing Marina, Inc. – Muscatine County		
	8.2 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Mau Marine – Dickinson County		
	8.3 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Mark and Brenda Keniston – Palo Alto County		
	8.4 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Walter Marine Enterprise, Inc. – Scott County		
	8.5 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Linwood Mining & Minerals Corporation – Scott County		
	8.6 Management Agreement Renewal – Iowa Lake Wildlife Area– Emmet County Conservation Board		
9.	Small Construction Projects- Sweet Marsh WMA Wetland Restoration and Lacey-Keosaqua State Park Lodge HVAC Replacement	Information	Travis Baker
10.	Large Construction Project- Lake Keomah State Park, Spillway Repair – Mahaska County	Decision	Travis Baker
11.	Public Land Acquisition Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	11.1 Spring Run Wetland Complex Wildlife Management Area, Dickinson County – Wetlands America Trust, Inc (Ducks Unlimited)	Decision	
	11.2 Saylorville Wildlife Management Area, Boone County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	

11.3	Green Island Wildlife Management Area, Jackson County – Ivan R. Keil Trust	Decision	
12.	Management Agreement Amendment with Buena Vista County- Storm Lake Marina	Decision	Travis Baker
13.	ALJ Proposed Decision Review (No. 24DNRL0002)-In the Matter of Dock Permit 17-9988-3-Hoffman (May go into closed session pursuant to 21.5(1)(f) to discuss decision to be rendered in a contested case.)	Decision	
14.	General Discussion		
Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates			
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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

November 2024

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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 9:35am on November 14, 2024, via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Laura Foell
- Tom Prickett
- KR Buck
- Laura Kudej
- Uriah Hansen
- Marcus Branstad

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

- Tammi Kircher

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- William Blackburn-Blackburn State Park road maintenance
- Brett Randall-Petition for a waiver related to nonresident hunting
- Thomas Heidenworth-Nonresident hunting pressure on public lands

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following agenda items:

- Donations
- Chapter 30-Waters Cost-Share and Grant Programs, Water Recreation Access Cost-Share (WRAC) Grants (FY 2025)
- Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces Grants (FY 2025)
- Contract with the City of Marshalltown and Iowa River OHV Club
- Cooperative Agreement with Beeds Lake Homeowners Association-Wastewater Treatment
- Public Land Management Projects (31.1-13.5)
- Contract with Iowa State University (Bat Conservation in Iowa)
- Contract with Iowa State University (Wood Thrush Migration and Breeding Ecology)

Motion was made by Laura Foell to remove agenda item #7 from the consent agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by KR Buck.

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

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the October 10, 2024, NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

DIRECTOR’S REMARKS

- Director Lyon gave a summary of the Ledges 100th anniversary celebration she attended.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth thanked Commissioners and staff for their hard work and preparation in drafting and reviewing the EO10 agenda items. He also informed Commissioners that General Counsel Tamara McIntosh would be giving an EO10 overview during the meeting.

RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION PROGRAM: COUNTY, CITY, PRIVATE OPEN SPACES (FY 2025)

Michelle Wilson requested Commission approval for the proposed REAP funding distribution for FY 2025. Commissioner Foell noted that she would be voting no on the agenda item due to a project involving land acquisition.

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 item by saying aye. Laura Foell-nay. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH IOWA OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jessica Flatt requested Commission approval for a contract amendment with Iowa Off Highway Vehicle Association for continued funding for an executive director. Commissioner requested an emailed update regarding the Council Bluff OHV Park.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS-STEPHENS STATE FOREST ROOF REPAIR AND RED ROCK WILDLIFE UNIT DIKE REPAIR

Travis Baker presented the aforementioned small construction projects as information to Commissioners.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

INFORMATION

LARGE CONSTRUCTION-BEEDS LAKE STATE PARK, WASTEWATER CONNECTION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a wastewater connection project at Beeds Lake State Park. Mr. Baker stated that existing lagoons will be decommissioned as part of the process.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION-CLEAR LAKE STATE PARK, CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project for campground improvements at Clear Lake State Park.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION-DIAMOND LAKE PARK, WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project for watershed improvements at Diamond Lake Park

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 item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC LAND ACQUISITION-McCOY WMA, BOONE COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Boone County, which is an inholding within McCoy WMA.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

The Chairperson asked for a roll call vote. Tom Prickett-aye, Tammi Kircher-absent, Laura Foell-nay, KR Buck-aye, Laura Kudej-aye, Uriah Hansen-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH SHIVE HATTERY ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING (SILVER LAKE)

Michelle Balmer requested Commission approval for a contract with Shive Hattery for architecture and engineering services to create technical specifications for an alum dosing protocol for Silver Lake. Miss Balmer responded to questions regarding the effectiveness of alum, the longevity of the treatment and how it compares to traditional lake restoration efforts.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH THE POWESHIEK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD (PCCB) (DIAMOND LAKE PARK)

Michelle Balmer requested Commission approval for a contract with PCCB to rehabilitate two large watershed ponds within Diamond Lake County Park, and build an additional watershed pond.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF CRESTON, IOWA (MCKINLEY LAKE)

Michelle Balmer requested Commission approval for a contract with the City of Creston to construct a lake restoration project at McKinley Lake.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (MSIM-MULTIPLE SPECIES INVENTORY AND MONITORING PROGRAM)

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for a contract with Iowa State University for the MSIM program.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 36, “GREEN VALLEY LAKE SPECIAL WATER ACTIVITY RULES”; CHAPTER 37, “BOATING SAFETY EQUIPMENT,”; CHAPTER 38, “BOAT REGISTRATION AND NUMBERING”; CHAPTER 39, “BOATING PASSENGER CAPACITY”; CHAPTER 40, “BOATING SPEED AND DISTANCE ZONING”; CHAPTER 41, “BOATING NAVIGATION AIDS”; CHAPTER 42, “BOATING ACCIDENT REPORTS”; CHAPTER 43, “MOTORBOAT NOISE”; AND CHAPTER 45, “BOAT MOTOR REGULATIONS,” – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Craig Cutts requested Commission approval for the NOIAs for Chapter 36-43, and Chapter 45.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 56, “SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM GRANTS” – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Tammie Krausman requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 56.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 44, "SPECIAL EVENTS AND FIREWORKS DISPLAYS" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Tammie Krausman requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 44.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 48, "INSPECTION OF PERMANENTLY MOORED VESSELS," – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Craig Cutts requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 48.

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 item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 49, "OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN MEANDERED STREAMS, NAVIGABLE STREAMS AND TROUT STREAMS" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Craig Cutts requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 49.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 55, "NONPERMANENT STRUCTURES" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Craig Cutts requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 55.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 46, "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLES, AND OFF-ROAD UTILITY VEHICLES" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Jessica Flatt requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 46.

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 item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 47, "SNOWMOBILES"– NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Jessica Flatt requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 47.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 61, "STATE PARKS, RECREATION AREAS, AND STATE FOREST CAMPING" AND CHAPTER 63, "KEG BEER RULES" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Jessica Manken requested Commission approval for the NOIAs for Chapter 61 and Chapter 63.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 64, "METAL DETECTOR USE IN STATE AREAS"– NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Jessica Manken requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 64.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 66, "SAYLORVILLE MULTIUSE TRAIL" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Kim Bohlen requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 66.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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 item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 67, "DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS ON STATE FORESTS, PARKS, PRESERVES AND RECREATION AREAS" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Kim Bohlen requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 67.

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 item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 50, "REGULATED VEHICLE, SNOWMOBILE AND VESSEL BONDING" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Karmin Klingeberg requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 50.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 51, "GAME MANAGEMENT AREAS" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Monica Thelen requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 51.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 52, "WILDLIFE REFUGES" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Monica Thelen requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 52.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTERS 91, 92, 97, 102, "MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for the NOIAs for Chapters 91, 92, 97 and 102.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTERS 96, 100, 107, "SMALL GAME HUNTING" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for the NOIAs for Chapters 96, 100 and 107.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTERS 98, 99, "WILD TURKEY HUNTING – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for the NOIAs for Chapter 98 and Chapter 99.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 101, "FALCONRY REGULATIONS" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 101.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 105, "DEER POPULATION MANAGEMENT ZONES – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 105.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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 item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTERS 108, 109, 110, "WILD FURBEARER TRAPPING AND HUNTING" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for the NOIAs for Chapter 108, 109, and 110.

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 item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 114, "NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL" – NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Chris Ensminger requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 114.

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 item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 54, "RESTRICTIONS ON INTRODUCTION AND REMOVAL OF PLANT LIFE"– NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Randy Schultz requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 54.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 72, "TIMBER BUYERS"– NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Tamara McIntosh requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 72.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 73, "FOREST AND FRUIT TREE RESERVATIONS"– NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Tamara McIntosh requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 73.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 74, "FOREST LAND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (FLEP)"– NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Tamara McIntosh requested Commission approval for the NOIA for Chapter 74.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tom Prickett to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Commissioners shared a variety of outdoor experiences and family experiences.
- Commissioner Hansen requested a future discussion on the penalties associated with hunting over a baited area.
- Commissioner Foell announced that she will be done with her service as an NRC Commissioner in April of 2025.
- Commissioner Buck thanked DNR staff and Friends of the Ledges for the October Field tour. He also reported hearing low deer reports in Crawford County.
- Commissioner Kudej requested an update on the low head dam project on the Winnebago River.
- Commissioner Prickett commented on the EO10 process, noting that it was a worthwhile effort and thanking DNR staff for their hard work on the rules.
- Commissioner Branstad commented on the EHD monitoring program and the addition of the online reporting system. DA Hildreth plans to provide more information to the Commissioners about the online reporting system at the December NRC meeting. Commissioner Branstad also inquired about the practicality of electronic tagging of game in Iowa.

ADJOURN

The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 11:30 am on November 14, 2024.

ADJOURNED

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Donations

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Lake Darling State Park	\$3,290.43	Donation of 15 trees to Lake Darling State Park (includes Burr Oak, Serviceberry, Redbud, Tulip, Swamp White Oak, Hackberry, American Beech, Frontyard Linden, and Bloodgood Planetree varieties).	Dr. Fay Vittetoe and Dr. Mary Anson
Lake Macbride State Park	\$100.00	Improvements at Lake Macbride State Park	Anonymous
Lake Macbride State Park	\$50.00	Improvements at Lake Macbride State Park	Dogan Dincer
Prairie Rose State Park	\$1,000.00	Two concrete tables at Prairie Rose State Park	Kirk Jacobson
Lake Darling State Park	\$13,834.22	Design & Production of ten (10) educational panels for the Ding Darling Interpretive Pathway.	Friends of Lake Darling
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$1,000.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Mark Davis.	Angela Davis
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$10.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Gary Steinberg.	Carolyn Price
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$500.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of John Tone.	Mike Skelly
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$150.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Lance Herink.	Kristel Howell
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund.	Bridget Battafarano
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Russell & Ron Giddings.	Emerson Linney
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in Memory of Gary Hackbarth.	Dan and Joan Hackbarth
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Steven M. Klehn.	Sarah Wacker
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Chet Starr.	Diane Wilson
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$40.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Chet Starr.	Steven Bernard
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$600.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Chet Starr. He had no greater joy then spending time with his family in the great Iowa outdoors.	James Starr

Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$30.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Chet Starr.	Mary Starr
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Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***6. Contract Amendment- A01 with Dan's**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Dan's Sanitation.
Sanitation.

Amendment- 22CRDPFETHACK-003 A01

Amendment Amount: \$9,540.00

Amendment Dates: January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Funding Source(s): General Fund

Amendment Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to extend the end date of the contract by one year for the performance of the tasks outlined in the original contract. The original contract entails providing year-round collection, hauling, and disposal services for garbage from Lake Anita State Park.

Original Contract Purpose:

Trash removal service is essential for general park users, renters of our shelters, 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 enabling park staff to keep the facilities and grounds well-maintained.

Original Selection Process: In 2023, the criteria reviewed for this work included adhering to the tasks as laid out in the Request for Quote (RFQ) Solicitation, completion and timely submission of the RFQ Cost Proposal, as well as demonstrating responsiveness and responsibility as a bidder.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount \$19,080.00; Timeframe: January 1, 2023, through January 2, 2025; Purpose: Trash Removal

Amendment 1 Terms: Amount: \$9,540.00; Timeframe: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; Purpose: To extend the contract for another year with commensurate compensation.

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

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***7. Timber Sale Contract with Nelson Petersheim for Stephens State Forest**

Commission approval is requested for a timber sale contract with Nelson Petersheim of Albia, IA, for Stephens State Forest.

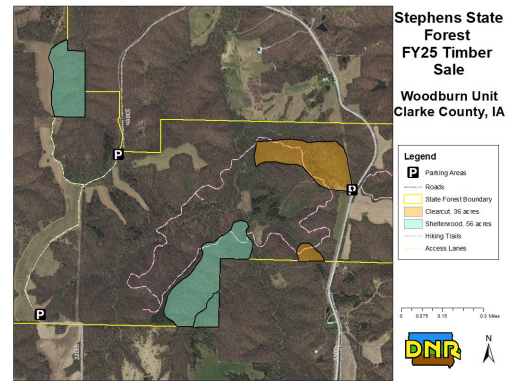
Contract Terms

Income: \$40,000

Dates: 12/13/24 to 03/31/26

Fund Deposited to: Conservation Fund - Forestry

Contract Purpose: This contract will facilitate a hardwood timber harvest of an estimated 111,193 board feet in 890 mixed hardwood trees at Stephens State Forest in Clarke County. An even-aged management system will be used in accordance with the Stephens State Forest Management Plan to allow sunlight to stimulate the growth of oak seedlings already present on the site. A natural areas inventory was conducted and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest area. Harvesting and regenerating these stands will improve the overall health and vigor of the forest.



Wildlife den trees will be left standing. Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize soil disturbance. Skid trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the Stream Management Areas (within 50 feet of the adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.

Selection Process Summary: An informal bid process was completed. To be qualified, a timber buyer must have on file with the State of Iowa a bond meeting the requirements of Section 456A.36 of the Code of Iowa and Chapter 571-72 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The area forester and supervisor reviewed the bid proposals and the highest bid from the most responsive and responsible bidder was selected.

Date bids received: 11/13/24

Number of Bids Received: 2

Recommendation: Nelson Petersheim

Bidder	City, State	Amount of Bid
Nelson Petersheim	Albia, IA	\$ 40,000.00
Gingerich Sawmill, LLC	Bloomfield, IA	\$ 38,587.00

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***8. Public Land Management Projects**

8.1 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Fairport Landing Marina, Inc. – Muscatine County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 Lease number 39-R with Fairport Landing Marina, Inc.

Location: The lease area consists of a man-made harbor in a portion of the Mississippi River bed with 177 feet of frontage by 100 feet of depth located in Section 31, Township 77 North, Range 1 East of the 5th P.M. at Mississippi River Mile 463.2, Muscatine County, Iowa.

Site Purpose: The leased area is used for commercial purposes as part of a marina and restaurant operation.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 1983.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$1,097.40 with a condition 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.

8.2 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Mau Marine – Dickinson County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 Lease number 51-R with Mau Marine.

Location: The leased area is located along the northeastern shore of East Okoboji Lake, east of the US Highway 71 Bridge between East and West Okoboji Lakes in the City of Okoboji, Dickinson County.

Site Purpose: The leased areas total approximately 758 square feet lying below the ordinary high water line. The areas consist of a retaining wall and grassy area manicured by Mau; a portion of a boat ramp; and a deck located adjacent to a large covered boat slip that falls outside of the scope of dock rules.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 1984.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$1,200.00 with a condition 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.

8.3 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Mark and Brenda Keniston – Palo Alto County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 Lease number 94-R with Mark and Brenda Keniston.

Location: The leased area is located adjacent Five Island Lake in Palo Alto County. More specifically, 35045 Acorn Falls Lane, Emmetsburg, IA 50536.

Site Purpose: The lease allows access to the property from a public access road to Five Island Lake containing a portion of the garage and approach, retaining wall and landscaping.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 1993.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$248 with a condition 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.

8.4 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Walter Marine Enterprise, Inc. – Scott County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 Lease number 112-R with Walter Marine Enterprise, Inc.

Location: The leased area is 120 feet of river frontage by 130 feet of depth, located at River Mile 473.4 in Section 22, Township 77 North, Range 2 East, Scott County.

Site Purpose: The site is to be occupied by a flat deck barge for use with crew changes, repairs, loading of supplies, and access to city utilities for harbor boats.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 2012.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$967.20 with a condition 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.

8.5 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Linwood Mining & Minerals Corporation – Scott County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 Lease number 113-R with Linwood Mining & Minerals Corporation.

Location: 450 feet of river frontage by 65 feet of depth, located at River Mile 475.2 in Section 24, Township 77 North, Range 2 East, Scott County.

Site Purpose: The site is used to load aggregate on to barges. The leased area is occupied by a barge load-out area with three 10' diameter piers.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 2012.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$1,813.5 with a condition 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.

8.6 Management Agreement Renewal – Iowa Lake Wildlife Area– Emmet County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a Management Agreement renewal with the Emmet County Conservation Board for Iowa Lake Wildlife Area located in Emmet County.

Location: This property is located 6 miles north of Armstrong, Iowa

Site Purpose: This 16-acre property is used for outdoor recreation, hunting, and as a campground.

Management History: This property has been under a management agreement with Emmet County Conservation Board since 1997.

Management Agreement Term: This standard Management Agreement is with the Emmet County Conservation Board for 25 years.

This agreement was approved by the Emmet County Conservation Board on November 7, 2024.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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9. 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
10/31/24	25-03-09-01	Sweet Marsh WMA	Bremer	This is a wetland restoration project which will require shallow excavation.	\$16,000	\$11,598.65 \$12,967.00 \$13,000.00 \$14,298.65 \$14,314.25 \$14,367.00 \$14,972.05 \$16,656.00 \$28,936.75 \$31,734.00 \$31,984.00
10/31/24	25-06-89-02	Lacey-Keosauqua Lodge HVAC Replacement	Van Buren	This project will replace all of the HVAC Equipment, air handlers, furnaces, AC compressor units including all necessary and related appurtenances with more efficient units.	\$22,000	\$27,167.00

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
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10. Construction Item-Lake Keomah State Park Spillway Repair

Lake Keomah State Park, Spillway Repair – Mahaska County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Lake Keomah is located about seven miles east of Oskaloosa, and was dedicated in 1934. Amenities include an 84-acre lake, boat ramps, a beach, picnic areas, modern campground, a CCC-built day-use lodge, various fishing jetties, a fishing pier, and three-mile trail around the lake. The lake is currently drained for the lake restoration project.

The Lake Keomah dam was built in the 1930s by the CCC. A number of tilting spillway wall panels have been observed as well as surface deterioration of the concrete and separated joints. This project will construct counterforts to prevent further wall movement and repair concrete and joint deterioration.

Engineering Project #: 20-05-62-02

Cost Estimate: \$960,388.00

Operating Bureau: Lake Restoration and Parks

Funding Source: 90% Lake Restoration, 10% Parks Infrastructure

Bid Letting Date: 11/14/2024

Construction Completion Date: 12/31/2025

Number of Bids Received: 3

Bidders

Construction Leaders Company, LLC	Urbandale, IA	\$412,000.00
Boulder Contracting, LLC	Grundy Center, IA	\$498,760.00
Minturn, Inc.	Brooklyn, IA	\$891,680.00

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

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

11.1 Spring Run Wetland Complex Wildlife Management Area, Dickinson County – Wetlands America Trust, Inc (Ducks Unlimited)

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Dickinson County adjacent to Spring Run Wetland Complex Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: Wetlands America Trust, Inc (Ducks Unlimited)

Acreage: 160 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$272,000.00

Appraised Value: \$1,382,200

Property Description: This square-shaped property is located 1.5 miles east of Arnolds Park within the Spring Run Wetland Complex in central Dickinson County. This property is bordered on the south, west, and north by county road Linden Drive, 250th Ave, and 185th St, respectively. The property is adjacent to public property owned by the USFWS and managed by the DNR. The north 40 acres is described as hay/recreation ground. The lower areas have marsh grasses while the high ground has been hayed. The south 120 acres is currently cropland. This property is being converted to a mix of grassland and wetland basins. This restoration is being funded through a NAWCA grant and will result in 11 basins of over 67 acres. There are no building improvements. Access is provided by off the south road (Linden Drive).

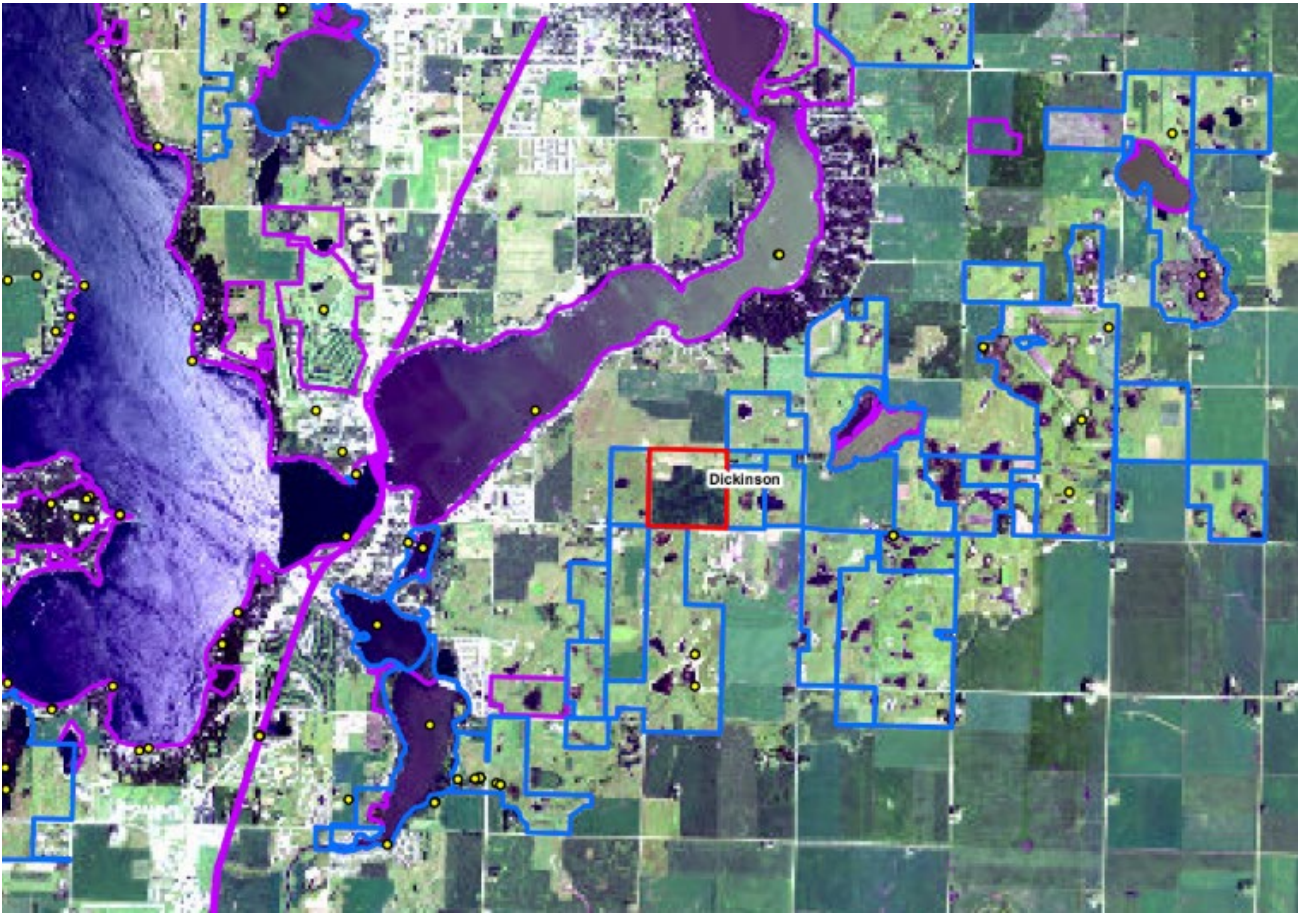
Purpose: This acquisition is located within the Spring Run PPJV Priority Area, Spring Run Bird Conservation Area, The West Fork Little Sioux – Little Sioux River Ducks Unlimited Living Lakes Emphasis Area, and the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Refuge Focal Area. When this property is fully restored it will provide important habitat for waterfowl, waterbirds, and migrating birds. This property will provide public access for outdoor recreation and hunting.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): Federal NAWCA

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Realty Services, Spring Run Wetland Complex, Dickinson Co., - DU



11.2 Saylorville Wildlife Management Area, Boone County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase two (2) tracts of land located in Boone County adjacent to Saylorville Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Tract 4

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF)

Acreage: 110 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$340,400.00

Appraised Value: \$550,000.00

Tract 5

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF)

Acreage: 80 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$399,600.00

Appraisal Value: \$640,000.00

Property Description: These two tracts are located 4 miles northwest of Madrid in Southeastern Boone County. They have areas of non-forested land and areas of heavily forested land. Tract 4 has approximately 40 acres of native warm season grass with 12.55 acres being enrolled in the CRP program and set to expire in 2026. Tract 5 has approximately 22 acres of native warm season grass. The remaining acres of these parcels are steep ravines and side slopes that are primarily heavy timber. No building or site improvements are present on either tract. Access to tract 4 is provided via an easement through the Iowa Arboretum and through Saylorville WMA. Peach Avenue and Saylorville WMA provides access to tract 5.

Purpose: This acquisition is an aesthetic tract that will continue to protect one of the largest contiguous regions of upland forest in central Iowa. It will provide for public access to outdoor recreation and hunting opportunities. This property will provide habitat for several state and federal threatened and endangered species, such as the Barn Owl, Cerulean Warbler, Red-shouldered Hawk, Long-eared Owl, and the Northern Long-eared Bat. The property will also provide habitat for Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) that include the Regal Fritillary, Gray Fox, Bullsnake, and the Southern Flying Squirrel.

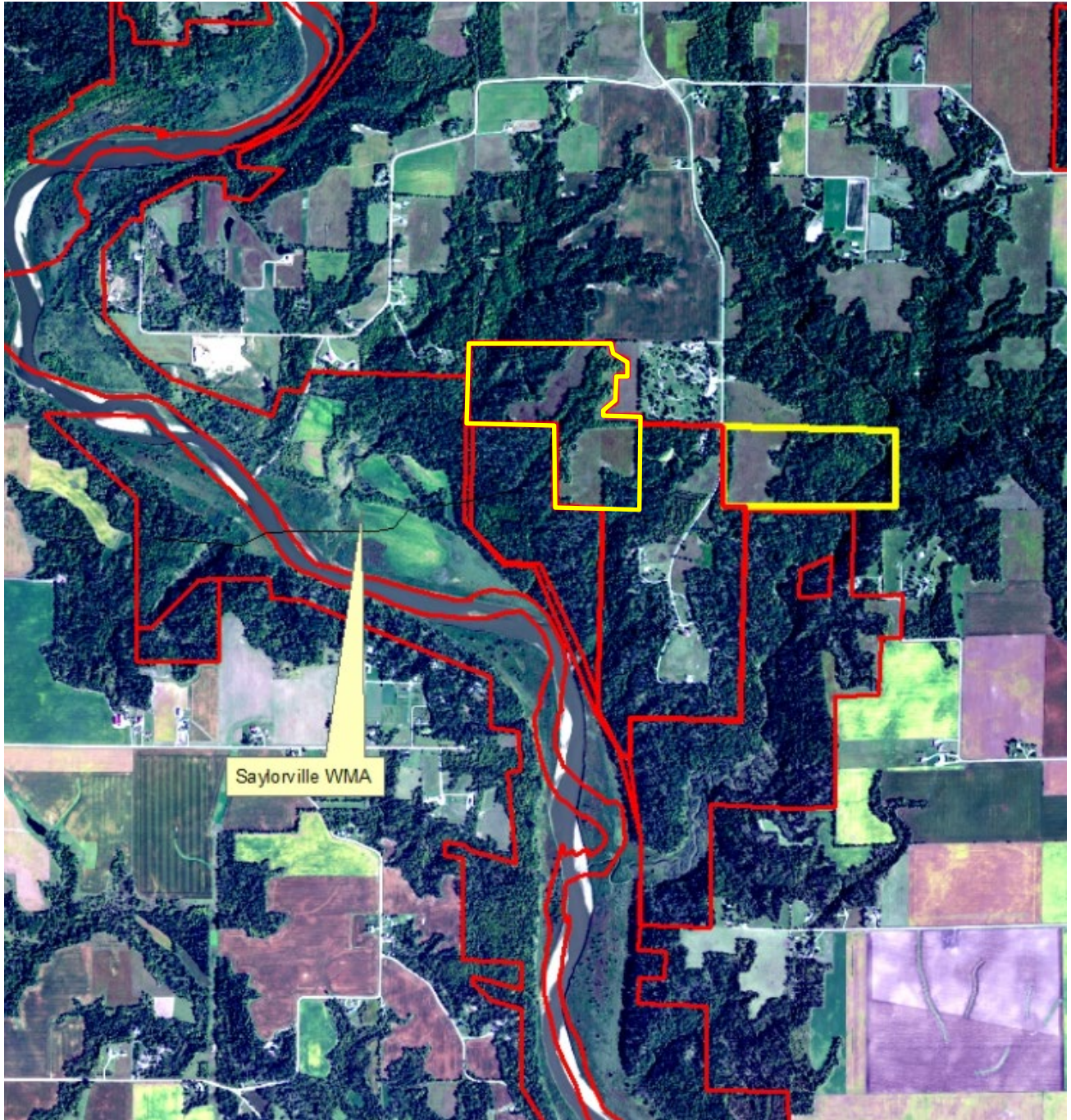
DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s):

Tract 4 – \$43,700 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$296,700 Wildlife Restoration Land Grant

Tract 5 - \$51,300 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$348,300 Wildlife Restoration Land Grant

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



11.3 Green Island Wildlife Management Area, Jackson County – Ivan R. Keil Trust

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Jackson County adjacent to Green Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: Ivan R. Keil Trust

Acreage: 47.29 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$105,300.00

Appraised Value: \$105,300.00

Property Description: This rectangular shaped property is located six (6) miles southeast of Bellevue in eastern Jackson County near the confluence of the Maquoketa River and the Mississippi River. The entire tract is in the Maquoketa River bottomland and is encumbered by an Emergency Watershed Protection Program Floodplain permanent easement (WRP, June 2024). The entire property will be restored to native grasslands. There are no building improvements. Access is provided from 501st Ave and the adjacent Green Island WMA.

Purpose: In addition to providing for important water quality benefits, this acquisition will further eliminate inholdings in the Green Island bottoms complex. The acquisition will allow for increased access for outdoor recreation and hunting. This tract will also provide critical nesting habitat for waterfowl, one of the primary objectives of the WMA. Restoring the site to permanent cover will help protect water resources on this designated globally important wetland complex.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$80,300 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$25,000 NAWCA

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

Realty Services, Green Island Wildlife Management Area, Jackson County – Ivan R. Keil Trust



Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
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12. Management Agreement Amendment-#1 with Buena Vista County

Commission approval is requested for an agreement amendment with Buena Vista County.

Amendment-1 Terms:

Amendment Dates: December 14, 2024 to December 31, 2025 or until upon completion of the transfer of portions of the included property from the DNR to the County, whichever occurs first.

Amendment Purpose: To extend the term of the Original Temporary Management Agreement related to state-owned real property, locally known as Storm Lake Marina. Additional time is needed to complete a proposed transfer of portions of the property from DNR to the County.

Original Contract Purpose: The property includes the marina concession building and shoreline, courtesy docks in front of the marina concession building, large parking lot, the land surrounding the large parking lot, the two marina entrance roads, gas storage tank, the boat ramps, the two fishing piers, the 84-slip docking system, the roadway and parking alongside the docking system, and the turnaround located close to the fisheries building. Management History: This property was previously managed by the City of Storm Lake. The Department is currently in the process of transferring the fee title ownership to the County.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Timeframe: March 14, 2024 to December 31, 2024 or upon transfer of the property to the County, whichever occurs first.

Amendment- 1 Terms: Timeframe: December 14, 2024 to December 31, 2025 or upon transfer of the property to the County, whichever occurs first; Purpose: extension of time

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
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13. ALJ Proposed Decision Review (No. 24DNRL0002)-In the Matter of Dock Permit # 17-9988-3 - Hoffman

This matter comes before Natural Resource Commission on a “Notice of Appeal” filed by Petitioners Gary and Carole Hoffman through counsel on August 6th, 2024. Petitioners request the Commission’s review of the proposed decision issued in this docket on July 8, 2024, by Administrative Law Judge Laura Lockard. Petitioners also included in their notice a request to supplement the record and a request for stay pursuant to Iowa Admin. Code 561—7.17(5)(f) and (8). The Commission allowed Petitioners to supplement the record and denied Petitioners' request for a stay. The parties submitted their briefs and requested oral argument.

The Department and Intervenor Shorewood Hills Ecological Society, Inc. (SHES) request that the Commission affirm the ALJ’s Proposed Decision. Petitioners seek reversal. The Commission may reverse, in whole or in part, or uphold the ALJ’s proposed decision.

Attachments: electronic record; audio recording of hearing; proposed decision; notice of appeal; declaration of Hoffman; resistances to request to supplement record and stay; Commission order to review; Commission order granting request to supplement record and denying request for stay; final briefs with supplemental evidence. The attachments are available in the following [file](#).