

**Minutes of the  
Natural Resource Commission  
Teleconference Meeting**

**March 10,  
2022**

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Business Meeting  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by the NRC Chair, Margo Underwood, on 03/10/22 at 9:31am. This meeting is open to the public and is being recorded as outlined by Iowa Code (571—1.8). The meeting is being conducted electronically pursuant to and in compliance with Iowa Code 21.8. The Commission has made the determination that it would be impractical for this meeting to be conducted in person based on the length and content of the agenda.

**Commissioner Attendance**

Present

- Marcus Branstad, Vice Chair [9:31a-11:00a]
- Laura Foell [9:31a-11:34a]
- Uriah Hansen [9:31a -11: 34a]
- Laura Hommel, Secretary [9:31a-11:34a]
- Tom Prickett [9:31a-11:34a]
- Margo Underwood, Chair [9:31a-11:34a]

Absent

Tammi Kircher

**Public Participation**

Name	Address	Representing	Topic
David Kerr	4820 84 <sup>th</sup> St, Des Moines, IA	--	Licensing (WMA use license/fee for non hunting people using the resource). Wildlife Listening Sessions went well.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion – Commissioner Foell  
 Seconded – Commissioner Hansen  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**2. Approve Minutes of 02/10/22 Public Meeting**

Motion – Commissioner Hansen  
 Seconded – Commissioner Hommel  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**3. Director’s Remarks**

Director Lyon provided information regarding the recent tornado damage at Red Haw State Park, the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) held in Des Moines on March 12<sup>th</sup>, Honey Creek Resort, and the DNR’s monitoring of avian influenza with coordination with IDALS and Homeland Security.

**4. Division Administrator’s Remarks**

Pete Hildreth, Conservation and Recreation Division Administrator, provided information about:

- Feb 21-24 Wildlife Listening Sessions; the video presented at the sessions is posted on YouTube.
- Public open house regarding restoration efforts at West Swan Lake; a video regarding the restoration is posted on YouTube.
- Attended the Iowa Deer Classic and met with hunters and staff during the event.
- Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference held in Des Moines.
- Gillnetting will be occurring; Commissioners were invited to attend.
- DNR is holding a turkey hunting learning opportunity about the basics.
- DNR is sampling waterfowl for avian influenza and creating guidance and Best Management Practices.

**5. Donations**

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Jay R. Timmerman	David Barclay
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Chadwick Layne Lekwa	Linda Miller
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Martin Liepa.	Inta and William Stebbins
Red Haw State Park	\$5,000.00	Funds to support the maintenance and upkeep of Red Haw State Park.	Estate of Ralph J. Raimo
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$75.00	Funds to support the Willie Suchy Wildlife Management Area in memory of Wilfred Suchy.	Dan and Verla Suchy, DeLonde Suchy
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Greg Dana	David Sage
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Greg Dana	JoConda Dana
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$20.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Jay Timmerman.	Kristy Rigdon
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Jay Timmerman.	David Durchenwald
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$20.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Jay Timmerman.	Jennifer Timmerman
Union Grove State Park	\$2,889.38	6’X10’2000 series Connect-A-Dock section, (3) connectors, (2) 3” dock pole holders for an addition to the existing dock below the cabins.	Lake and Park Holding Corporation

Motion – Commissioner Foell  
 Seconded – Commissioner Branstad  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**6. Public Land Acquisition Project: Odessa Wildlife Management Area, Louisa County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation**

The Natural Resource Commission’s approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Louisa County adjacent Odessa Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 100.8 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$120,600

Appraised Price: \$120,600

Property Description: This irregular-shaped property is located six miles southeast of Wapello in southeastern Louisa County. The tract is all Iowa River floodplain timber, reflecting approximately ¾ of a mile of river fronting along the entire east boundary, and near the confluence of the Mississippi River. There are no building improvements. The Odessa levee runs along a portion of the west boundary. A county, gravel-base road (0.2 acres) provides public access along a segment of the west boundary of the property.

Purpose: This acquisition will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. Non-game species present include the Copperbelly and Diamondback water snakes. The Odessa levee will provide access for proper maintenance and management during high water events.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): Wildlife Habitat Stamp (\$60,600), Conserving the Upper Mississippi Migration Corridor II NAWCA (\$59,000), Tri-Rivers Conservation Federation (\$1,000)

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

Motion – Commissioner Branstad  
 Seconded – Commissioner Prickett  
 Discussion – Kelly Smith, Wildlife Bureau, provided information regarding funding options for disaster events and disaster declarations such as the use of FEMA and the State’s Executive Council. Non-disaster work is budgeted using capital funds, such as REAP. She noted part of the levee is on this property and is one of the reasons the property is targeted is to provide ongoing maintenance to the levee to maintain the Odessa Wildlife area. Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief, noted timber harvest sales are not expected in this bottomland timber.

Roll Call Vote:  
 Commissioner Branstad - aye  
 Commissioner Foell - nay  
 Commissioner Hansen - aye  
 Commissioner Hommel, - nay  
 Commissioner Prickett - aye  
 Commissioner Underwood - aye

Decision – Approved (2 nays – Commissioners Foell and Hommel)

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**7. 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
1/27/22	21-02-77-05 Wildlife	Big Creek State Park	Polk	Grading and rock surfacing, culver aprons, culver extension and ditch cleaning of an access road.	\$44,990.00	<b>\$42,540.00</b> \$48,785.50 \$49,985.02 \$57,340.00 \$68,491.47 \$93,100.00
2/3/22	21-06-53-01 Parks	Wapsipinicon State Park	Jones	Repairing a boat ramp and placing Class E Revetment around the river bank.	\$7,500	<b>\$4,465.00</b> \$6,300.00 \$6,580.00 \$6,650.00 \$7,570.00 \$7,725.20 \$9,650.00
2/10/22	21-06-29-01 Parks	Geode State Park	Henry	Removing and replacing a deteriorated culvert.	\$28,000	<b>\$38,785.00</b> \$42,097.67 \$43,401.85 \$46,435.00 \$49,960.00 \$54,880.00 \$60,315.00
2/10/22	22-04-83-01 Parks	Prairie Rose State Park	Shelby	Repair the existing trailer dump station in the campground.	\$16,000	<b>\$24,500.00</b> \$25,850.00
2/17/22	22-04-88-04 Parks	Green Valley State Park	Union County	Remove and replace the existing pit latrine at the main boat ramp with a new single stall	\$49,000	<b>\$44,890.00</b> \$61,150.00

				precast concrete latrine.		
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**8. Construction Projects**

**\*8.1 Four Mile Lake WMA, Boat Ramp and Parking Lot Improvements – Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Four Mile Lake WMA is located approximately three miles west of Estherville. This 814 acre area is comprised of ½ marsh and ½ upland habitat that support deer, pheasant, waterfowl, and dove. It also encompasses Four Mile Lake, which is a 250 acre natural lake.

Currently, access for small boats is available at two primitive boat ramps. One on the south side of the lake and one on the north. The access on the north is usable by crafts up to hunting boat size through a channel that exists to open water. This project will provide roadway improvements to the north access. The current access is a very narrow gravel path to a small turnaround with a dirt/grass boat ramp. This access road was not constructed to accommodate the current use levels and can become unusable in high water conditions. This project will bring the 800’ of access road up to a standard 18’ width roadway section with a 70’ x 100’ granular surfaced parking area for 6 or 7 vehicles with trailers. The existing granular surfaced boat ramp will be regraded to improve usability.

**Engineering Project #:** 18-01-32-01

**Cost Estimate:** \$78,000

**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** Marine Fuel Tax

**Bid Letting Date:** 1/27/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 07/29/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 9

**Bidders**

Reutzel Excavating, Inc	Burt, IA	\$71,445.25
L. Thies dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt, IA	\$72,798.00
Cory Juergens Construction LLC	Estherville, IA	\$72,865.35
Valley Contracting, Inc	Estherville, IA	\$73,043.00
BLAC Construction LLC	Sherburn, MN	\$77,442.12
Able Drainage & Excavating, Inc	Greenville, IA	\$92,886.05
Diamond Concrete & Construction	Spirit Lake, IA	\$115,918.13
Healy Excavating	Lake View, IA	\$126,741.00
Molitor Construction, LLC	Boone, IA	\$135,033.14

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, IDNR recommends awarding the contract to Reutzel Excavating, Inc.

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

**\*8.2 Four Mile Lake WMA, Wetland Restoration– Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Four Mile Lake WMA is located approximately three miles west of Estherville. This 814 acre area is comprised of ½ marsh and ½ upland habitat that support deer, pheasant, waterfowl, and dove. It also encompasses Four Mile Lake, which is a 250 acre natural lake.

This wetland restoration project is located on the Strope Tract of the area and aims to improve water quality for the lake by constructing wetland pools and disrupting tile flow on the property. Six shallow water pools will be constructed by excavating silt from two natural potholes and constructing four earthen dikes. Water control structures will be installed to allow staff to manage pool levels. The excavated spoil will be used for dike construction and/or improving landscape habitat. When complete, the components of the project will pretreat approximately 550 acres of Four Mile Lake watershed. Beyond the water quality component this project will create additional migratory bird habitat for game and nongame species as well as a small amount of floodwater storage.

**Engineering Project #:** 20-01-30-15

**Cost Estimate:** \$59,000  
**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife  
**Funding Source:** 85% Federal NAWCA, 15% FWTF Waterfowl Stamp  
**Bid Letting Date:** 1/27/2022  
**Construction Completion Date:** 09/02/2022  
**Number of Bids Received:** 8

**Bidders**

L. Thies dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt, IA	\$59,082.00
BLAC Construction LLC	Sherburn, MN	\$72,985.34
Valley Contracting, Inc	Estherville, IA	\$76,941.90
Able Drainage & Excavating, Inc	Greenville, IA	\$78,320.45
Healy Excavating	Lake View, IA	\$79,030.00
Diamond Concrete & Construction	Spirit Lake, IA	\$86,562.97
Reutzel Excavating, Inc	Burt, IA	\$93,007.80
Cohrs Construction, Inc	Spirit Lake, IA	\$107,925.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, IDNR recommends awarding the contract to L. Thies dba Empire Excavation.

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

**8.3 Coon Creek WMA, Streambank Stabilization – Winneshiek County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Coon Creek Wildlife Management Area is located approximately six miles east of Decorah. This 1,713 acre area is comprised of ¾ timber and ¼ upland habitats that support deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, and dove. In addition to hunting opportunities, there are three canoe and angler access points for the Upper Iowa River.

The Lower Dam of the Upper Iowa River was constructed in the early 1900’s by Interstate Power Company to provide hydroelectric power to the City of Decorah. The Department acquired the property around the dam in 1967 and 1971. A high water event in 2018 damaged approximately 160 feet of streambank. To re-establish and improve bank stabilization, this project will install approximately 1,500 tons of riprap along the stream bank, and 5,000 square feet of vegetated concrete matting.

**Engineering Project #:** 19-03-96-04  
**Cost Estimate:** \$92,000.00  
**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife  
**Funding Source:** 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council  
**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022  
**Construction Completion Date:** 07/30/2022  
**Number of Bids Received:** 5

**Bidders**

Szabo Construction Co., Inc.	Postville, IA	\$101,020.80
Bacon Concrete, LLC	Postville, IA	\$102,625.25
Doug Egeland Tiling	Ossian, IA	\$102,821.00
David Ryan Construction	Decorah, IA	\$109,967.85
Reilly Construction Co., Inc.	Ossian, IA	\$160,652.50

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

Motion – Commissioner Branstad  
 Seconded – Commissioner Hansen  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**\*8.4 Spring Run Complex WMA, Wetland Restoration – Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Spring Run Complex Wildlife Management Area is 4713 acres located east of Arnold’s Park and consists of various tracts comprised of 1/3 lake and marsh habitat and 2/3 upland habitat that support pheasant, waterfowl, and dove.

This project is located on the McDowell tract and aims to improve water quality and reduce sediment delivery for two separate watersheds; the first is a targeted EPA 319 Sub-Watershed for East Okoboji Lake, and the second for Pleasant Lake. Improvements will be made by constructing wetland pools and disrupting tile flow on the property. Shallow water pools will be constructed by excavating silt from four natural potholes and constructing four earthen dikes. Water control structures will be installed to allow staff to manage pool levels. The excavated spoil will be used for dike construction and/or improving landscape habitat. When complete the components of the project will pretreat approximately 45 acres of the East Lake watershed and 30 acres of the Pleasant Lake watershed. Beyond the water quality component this project will create additional migratory bird habitat for game and nongame species as well as a small amount of floodwater storage.

**Engineering Project #:** 21-01-30-03

**Cost Estimate:** \$54,000

**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** NAWCA

**Bid Letting Date:** 2/10/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 9/2/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 10

**Bidders**

Mitchell & Huss Excavation	George, IA	\$42,737.25
L. Thies dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt, IA	\$43,456.00
Healy Excavating	Lake View, IA	\$43,892.50
M&S Dirtwork	Breda, IA	\$44,768.00
Valley Contracting, Inc	Estherville, IA	\$46,967.00
BLAC Construction LLC	Sherburn, MN	\$49,941.80
Diamond Concrete & Construction	Spirit Lake, IA	\$54,608.95
Mega, Inc	Ocheyedan, IA	\$57,291.66
MLS Landscape & Design, Inc	Granville, IA	\$62,112.00
Able Drainage & Excavating, Inc	Greenville, IA	\$64,580.65

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, IDNR recommends awarding the contract to Mitchell & Huss Excavation.

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

**8.5 Big Creek State Park, Derecho Repairs - Polk County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Big Creek State Park offers a variety of recreation opportunities for visitors. It has an 866-acre lake that provides excellent fishing year-round, boating activities, and swimming. Park amenities include ten picnic shelters, sports fields, several boat ramps, a 26-mile paved trail system, a disc golf course, and a beach with three picnic shelters and a concessionaire.

The derecho event that happened in 2020 severely damaged building roofs at Big Creek State Park. This project will remove the existing shingles and underlayment, and install new asphalt roofing at four buildings: Shelter C and its restroom, Shelter J’s restroom, and the Park office. In addition to the roof repairs, two lesser used restrooms that were constructions in the 1970s that have reached their design life will be demolished: Shelter F’s restroom and the restroom near the Model Airplane field.

**Engineering Project #:** 21-02-77-10

**Cost Estimate:** \$91,000.00

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 90% Executive Council, 10% REAP Open Spaces

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 08/31/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 5

**Bidders**

Up Top Roofing, Inc	Brooklyn, IA	\$84,330.00
Metal Monsters	North Liberty, IA	\$96,375.00
Ram Development LLC	Des Moines, IA	\$98,482.00
Vieco Development & Construction	St Joseph, MO	\$107,310.00



Bergstrom Construction Inc

Des Moines, IA

\$137,200.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, IDNR recommends awarding the contract to Up Top Roofing, Inc.

Motion – Commissioner Foell  
Seconded – Commissioner Hansen  
Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**8.6 Pikes Peak State Park, Campground Renovation – Clayton County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Pikes Peak State Park is located just south of McGregor, on the Mississippi River, and was dedicated in 1935. Amenities include picturesque views of the Mississippi River Valley, 11 miles of hiking trails, a 66-site campground with modern facilities, shelters, concession, and a playground.

**Project Description:** The asphalt roads within the park have deteriorated and the layout and utility services for the campground needs to be updated. This project will remove the existing asphalt roads, campground camp pads, electric service lines, and dump stations, and install approximately 4,000 feet of new concrete roadway, 60 new gravel camp pads, electric services, water services, sanitary sewer services, and a new sanitary disposal station. The 60 camping sites will include 6 full service (with 1 designated as ADA accessible) and 53 with electrical hook-ups and regional water hydrants (3 designated as ADA accessible). There will be 19 pull-through campsites and 41 back-in campsites to help meet the needs of the users.

**Engineering Project #:** 21-03-22-01

**Cost Estimate:** \$2,200,000.00

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 75% IA DOT Park & Institutional Road Fund, 25% Federal LAWCON

**Bid Letting Date:** 2/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 5/1/2023

**Number of Bids Received:** 4

**Bidders**

Midwest Concrete, Inc.	Peosta, IA	\$1,691,712.27
Wicks Construction, Inc.	Decorah, IA	\$1,802,455.28
Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC	Cascade, IA	\$1,899,585.60
CJ Moyna and Sons, LLC	Elkader, IA	\$2,551,673.70

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

Motion – Commissioner Branstad  
Seconded – Commissioner Hansen  
Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**8.7 Odessa WMA, FEMA Levee Repair – Louisa County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Odessa Wildlife Management Area is located approximately a half mile east of Wapello. This 4,139 acre area is comprised of ½ timber, ¼ lake, and ¼ marsh habitats that support deer, turkey, squirrel, and waterfowl.

A high water event in 2019 damaged seven areas along the levee system. Extended high water levels allowed wave-action erosion to occur. This project will add approximately 3,500 cubic yards of fill dirt to the eroded areas to restore the levee cross section to pre-disaster design. Approximately 5,000 square yards of erosion matting and permanent seeding will stabilize the levee.

**Engineering Project #:** 21-06-58-04

**Cost Estimate:** \$140,000

**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** 75% Federal-FEMA, 25% Executive Council

**Bid Letting Date:** 2/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 9/30/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Bidders**

Triple B Construction	Wilton, IA	\$153,784.00
Miller Trucking & Excavating	Silvis, IL	\$167,980.50

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

Motion – Commissioner Prickett  
 Seconded – Commissioner Foell  
 Discussion – Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief, discussed the management of this WMA area, which is owned by the ACOE who transferred management of the land to the DNR in the 1950s. The DNR takes on care and maintenance of the property, however the Corps remains in control of the Timber Stand Improvement efforts. The DNR took the lead in applying for the FEMA funds and took on the engineering and construction. The investment put in these levees localizes flood mitigation. After a flood event, then mitigation is to the levee versus the whole area.  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**8.8 Red Haw State Park, Shoreline Stabilization – Lucas Co. IA**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Red Haw State Park is located in south central Iowa near Chariton. This 649 acre park was first opened to the public in 1939. Amenities include a 70-acre lake, modern campground with electric sites, hiking trail, a beach, and a CCC stone picnic shelter.

DNR staff identified four areas of shoreline at the lake that are in need of armoring. Wave-action erosion has deteriorated the bank and the erosion is affecting water clarity. For this project, approximately 3,680 feet of shoreline will be armored with 4,620 tons of rock revetment. In addition to the shoreline work, a sediment pond spillway pipe will be replaced with a 24 inch diameter smooth metal pipe. The existing spillway pipe was constructed of corrugated metal in the 1980’s and has rusted out.

**Engineering Project #:** 22-05-59-01

**Cost Estimate:** \$290,000

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 58% Marine Fuel Tax, 42% Federal EPA 319

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 02/15/2023

**Number of Bids Received:** 6

**Bidders**

DCLI LLC	Leon, IA	\$225,405.00
Nagel Construction, LLC	Allerton, IA	\$228,965.00
JNC Construction, LLC	Clearfield, IA	\$270,820.00
Kevin Kent Construction, LLC	Lucas, IA	\$340,625.00
McGee Concrete, LLC	Russell, IA	\$345,580.00
TK Concrete, Inc.	Pella, IA	\$395,860.00

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

Motion – Commissioner Foell  
 Seconded – Commissioner Hansen  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**8.9 Lake Ahquabi State Park and Hooper Lake, Boat Docks – Warren County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Lake Ahquabi was built in 1935. It has a surface area of 113 acres and is a popular destination for fishing, camping, swimming, and other recreation. Hooper Lake, built in the 1970s has a surface area of 45 acres. Hooper Lake was built to capture sediment entering Lake Ahquabi. One-third of the water entering Lake Ahquabi passes through Hooper Lake. Both areas provide public fishing and water recreation opportunities.

This project will replace a floating dock at Hooper and, at Ahquabi, replace a floating dock, add a dock and fish cleaning table near the campground, and extend an existing dock at the east main boat ramp.

The existing floating docks at Hooper Lake and Ahquabi’s campground area are at least twenty years old. These two docks will be replaced with aluminum wedge docks. (A wedge dock rests on a concrete slab and can be slid in and out of the water seasonally using a tractor. There is no need for spud poles or a boat for installation as these docks do not float.) Also, at the campground area, a new wedge dock will be installed to provide additional boat mooring and fishing access. There will also be a fish cleaning table installed for campers to use. At Ahquabi’s main (east) boat dock, the existing concrete dock will be extended 20 feet with more concrete.

**Engineering Project #:** 22-05-91-06

**Cost Estimate:** \$95,000

**Operating Bureau:** Fisheries

**Funding Source:** Marine Fuel Tax

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 11/30/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 3

**Bidders**

Haworth Land Construction	Indianola, Iowa	\$75,254.09
TWR Dock and Marine	Lamont, Iowa	\$107,810.03
McGee Concrete, LLC	Russell, IA	\$164,660.96

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

Motion – Commissioner Hansen  
 Seconded – Commissioner Foell  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**8.10 Gull Point State Park, Stone Entry Portal – Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Gull Point State Park is located on the southwest shore of West Okoboji Lake. The campground is one of the most popular campgrounds in the Iowa Great Lakes area. Amenities include 112 campsites, two flush restrooms, one shower building, a dump station, a CCC lodge, and a 1.3 mile long trail.

The existing entry area into Gull Point State Park has a 40-year-old wooden sign located off of Harpen Road. This sign will be replaced with a new Parks Design Guide Entry Portal. The portal will be constructed of concrete with stone veneer. A single laminated wood beam will be installed through the sign to hold the new Sign Guide sign panel.

**Engineering Project #:** 22-01-30-07

**Cost Estimate:** \$70,000.00

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** Special Appropriation

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 06/10/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Bidders**

Under Construction, L.C.	Estherville, IA	\$64,961.00
Matt Construction, Inc.	Sumner, IA	\$94,416.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Under Construction, L.C.

Motion – Commissioner Foell  
 Seconded – Commissioner Hansen  
 Discussion – Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief, noted this project includes a lighting element and that the sign portion of the portal is considered a goods purchase outside of the construction.  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**8.11 Brushy Creek State Recreation Area – Stone Entry Portal – Webster County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Brushy Creek State Recreation Area is located in central Iowa and consists of 6,500 acres which makes it the largest unit within Iowa’s system of state park and recreation areas. Facility development began in 1992. Existing amenities include a 690-acre lake, three modern campgrounds with 255 campsites, one picnic shelter, restrooms, six fishing jetties, one accessible fishing pier, four boat ramps, two equestrian day use parking areas, a primitive beach, 40 miles of trails, shooting range, and a beach.

The existing entry area into Brushy Creek State Recreation Area has a 30-year-old wooden sign located at the north entrance. This sign will be replaced with a new Parks Design Guide Entry Portal. The portal will be constructed of concrete with stone veneer. A single laminated wood beam will be installed through the sign to hold the new Sign Guide sign panel

**Engineering Project #:** 22-02-94-03

**Cost Estimate:** \$60,000.00

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** Special Appropriation

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 06/10/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 4

**Bidders**

Doyle Construction, LLC	Fort Dodge, IA	\$53,350.00
Jensen Builders, Ltd.	Fort Dodge, IA	\$79,500.00
Matt Construction, Inc.	Sumner, IA	\$82,966.00
Woodruff Construction, LLC	Fort Dodge, IA	\$97,937.00

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

Motion – Commissioner Foell  
 Seconded – Commissioner Hansen  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**8.12 Maquoketa Caves State Park, Stone Entry Portal – Jackson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Maquoketa Caves State Park is located in Jackson County, northwest of Maquoketa, Iowa. The 370 acre park was opened to the public in the 1930’s when the CCC built a lodge and walkways through the cave system. In addition to the caves and the lodge, the park has hiking trails, a museum, two picnic shelters, and a modern campground.

The existing entrance sign directing people to Maquoketa Caves State Park was a privately built sign on private property, located across the road from park property. This project will construct a new Parks Design Guide Entry Portal on DNR property at the Park’s entrance. The portal will be constructed of concrete with stone veneer. A single laminated wood beam will be installed through the sign to hold the new Sign Guide sign panel.

**Engineering Project #:** 22-06-49-02

**Cost Estimate:** \$70,000.00

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** Special Appropriation

**Bid Letting Date:** 3/3/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 06/10/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 3

**Bidders**

Sheets Design Build, LLC	Maquoketa, IA	\$62,800.00
Lansing Brothers Construction Co, Inc.	Luxemburg, IA	\$80,500.00
Matt Construction, Inc.	Sumner, IA	\$86,891.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Sheets Design Build LLC.

Motion – Commissioner Hansen  
 Seconded – Commissioner Foell  
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

**9. General Discussion**

- **Discussion of Administrative Law Judge Case(s):** Commissioner Underwood opened discussion for Commissioner input to determine if there needs to be an NRC review of the ALJ case. No Commissioner requests for review were made; no action will be taken on the case.
- **Commissioner Comments:** Commissioners shared general comments and natural resource related experiences. The next NRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 04/14/22, 9:30a in Des Moines, IA.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Commissioner Hansen  
Second – Commissioner Prickett  
Decision - Approved by Unanimous Vote  
With no further business to come before the Natural Resource Commission, Chair Underwood adjourned the meeting on 03/10/22 at 11:34am

CARRIED – MEETING ADJOURNED

**Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates**

- Thu, 04/14/22, 9:30am, Business Meeting (Polk County)
- Thu, 05/12/22, 9:30am, Business Meeting (Polk County)
- Wed, 06/08/22, 12:00pm, Business Meeting (Black Hawk County)
- Thu, 06/09/22, 9:00am, Field Tour (Black Hawk County)

# VISITORS/ATTENDEES - SIGN IN SHEET

FOR NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON 3/10/22

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**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION**

**NRC TELECONFERENCE Business Meeting – Thursday, March 10, 2022**

**TELECONFERENCE Meeting Convenes at 9:30am**

**To attend the teleconference meeting, join via**

Video Link: <https://meet.google.com/sco-mbns-qva>  
or  
Telephone: call 442-242-3609 PIN: 883 789 392#

**Public Participation begins at approximately 10:00 am**

1.	Approval of Agenda Consent Agenda (*within agenda indicates proposed consent agenda item) *8.1 Four Mile Lake WMA, Boat Ramp and Parking Lot Improvements – Dickinson County *8.2 Four Mile Lake WMA, Wetland Restoration– Dickinson County *8.4 Spring Run Complex WMA, Wetland Restoration – Dickinson County	Decision	Commission
2.	Approve Minutes of 02/10/22 NRC Public Meeting	Decision	Commission
3.	Director’s Remarks	Information	Kayla Lyon
4.	Division Administrator’s Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
5.	Donations	Decision	Pete Hildreth
6.	Public Land Acquisition Project: Odessa Wildlife Management Area, Louisa County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	Travis Baker
7.	Construction – Small Projects	Information	Travis Baker
8.	Construction – Large Projects		
	*8.1 Four Mile Lake WMA, Boat Ramp and Parking Lot Improvements – Dickinson County	Decision	Travis Baker
	*8.2 Coon Creek WMA, Streambank Stabilization – Winneshiek County	Decision	Travis Baker
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	8.5 Big Creek State Park, Derecho Repairs - Polk County	Decision	Travis Baker
	8.6 Pikes Peak State Park, Campground Renovation – Clayton County	Decision	Travis Baker
	8.7 Odessa WMA, FEMA Levee Repair – Louisa County	Decision	Travis Baker
	8.8 Red Haw State Park, Shoreline Stabilization – Lucas Co. IA	Decision	Travis Baker
	8.9 Lake Ahquabi State Park and Hooper Lake, Boat Docks – Warren County	Decision	Travis Baker
	8.10 Gull Point State Park, Stone Entry Portal – Dickinson County	Decision	Travis Baker
	8.11 Brushy Creek State Recreation Area – Stone Entry Portal – Webster County	Decision	Travis Baker
	8.12 Maquoketa Caves State Park, Stone Entry Portal – Jackson County	Decision	Travis Baker
9.	General Discussion • NRC Discussion of Administrative Law Judge Case(s)		
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For details on the NRC meeting schedule, visit:  
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/BoardsCommissions/NaturalResourceCommission.aspx>

Comments during the public participation period regarding proposed rules or notices of intended action are not included in the official comments for that rule package unless they are submitted as required in the Notice of Intended Action.

Any person attending the public meeting and has special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments should contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or [Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov), and advise of specific needs.

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

**Decision Item**

**5. Donations**

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Jay R. Timmerman	David Barclay
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Chadwick Layne Lekwa	Linda Miller
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Martin Liepa.	Inta and William Stebbins
Red Haw State Park	\$5,000.00	Funds to support the maintenance and upkeep of Red Haw State Park.	Estate of Ralph J. Raimo
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$75.00	Funds to support the Willie Suchy Wildlife Management Area in memory of Wilfred Suchy.	Dan and Verla Suchy, DeLonde Suchy
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Greg Dana	David Sage
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Greg Dana	JoConda Dana
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$20.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Jay Timmerman.	Kristy Rigdon
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Jay Timmerman.	David Durchenwald
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$20.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Jay Timmerman.	Jennifer Timmerman
Union Grove State Park	\$2,889.38	6'X10'2000 series Connect-A-Dock section, (3) connectors, (2) 3" dock pole holders for an addition to the existing dock below the cabins.	Lake and Park Holding Corporation

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
NRC Meeting Date: 03/10/22



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

**Decision Item**

**6. Public Land Acquisition Project: Odessa Wildlife Management Area, Louisa County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation**

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

**Seller:** Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

**Acreage:** 100.8 acres

**DNR Purchase Price:** \$120,600

**Appraised Price:** \$120,600

**Property Description:** This irregular-shaped property is located six miles southeast of Wapello in southeastern Louisa County. The tract is all Iowa River floodplain timber, reflecting approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of river fronting along the entire east boundary, and near the confluence of the Mississippi River. There are no building improvements. The Odessa levee runs along a portion of the west boundary. A county, gravel-base road (0.2 acres) provides public access along a segment of the west boundary of the property.

**Purpose:** This acquisition will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. Non-game species present include the Copperbelly and Diamondback water snakes. The Odessa levee will provide access for proper maintenance and management during high water events.

**DNR Property Manager:** Wildlife Bureau

**Funding Source(s):** Wildlife Habitat Stamp (\$60,600), Conserving the Upper Mississippi Migration Corridor II NAWCA (\$59,000), Tri-Rivers Conservation Federation (\$1,000)

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

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
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**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

**Information Item**

**7. Construction - Small Projects**

The following Engineering managed projects have been let utilizing the Competitive Quotation process for projects \$100,000 or less:

<b>Bid Date</b>	<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Bids</b>
1/27/22	21-02-77-05 Wildlife	Big Creek State Park	Polk	Grading and rock surfacing, culver aprons, culver extension and ditch cleaning of an access road.	\$44,990.00	<b>\$42,540.00</b> \$48,785.50 \$49,985.02 \$57,340.00 \$68,491.47 \$93,100.00
2/3/22	21-06-53-01 Parks	Wapsipinicon State Park	Jones	Repairing a boat ramp and placing Class E Revetment around the river bank.	\$7,500	<b>\$4,465.00</b> \$6,300.00 \$6,580.00 \$6,650.00 \$7,570.00 \$7,725.20 \$9,650.00
2/10/22	21-06-29-01 Parks	Geode State Park	Henry	Removing and replacing a deteriorated culvert.	\$28,000	<b>\$38,785.00</b> \$42,097.67 \$43,401.85 \$46,435.00 \$49,960.00 \$54,880.00 \$60,315.00
2/10/22	22-04-83-01 Parks	Prairie Rose State Park	Shelby	Repair the existing trailer dump station in the campground.	\$16,000	<b>\$24,500.00</b> \$25,850.00
2/17/22	22-04-88-04 Parks	Green Valley State Park	Union County	Remove and replace the existing pit latrine at the main boat ramp with a new single stall precast concrete latrine.	\$49,000	<b>\$44,890.00</b> \$61,150.00

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
NRC Meeting Date: March 10, 2022

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

**Decision Item** (\*indicates proposed consent)

**8. Construction Projects**

**\*8.1 Four Mile Lake WMA, Boat Ramp and Parking Lot Improvements – Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Four Mile Lake WMA is located approximately three miles west of Estherville. This 814 acre area is comprised of ½ marsh and ½ upland habitat that support deer, pheasant, waterfowl, and dove. It also encompasses Four Mile Lake, which is a 250 acre natural lake.

Currently, access for small boats is available at two primitive boat ramps. One on the south side of the lake and one on the north. The access on the north is usable by crafts up to hunting boat size through a channel that exists to open water. This project will provide roadway improvements to the north access. The current access is a very narrow gravel path to a small turnaround with a dirt/grass boat ramp. This access road was not constructed to accommodate the current use levels and can become unusable in high water conditions. This project will bring the 800' of access road up to a standard 18' width roadway section with a 70' x 100' granular surfaced parking area for 6 or 7 vehicles with trailers. The existing granular surfaced boat ramp will be regraded to improve usability.



**Engineering Project #:** 18-01-32-01

**Cost Estimate:** \$78,000

**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** Marine Fuel Tax

**Bid Letting Date:** 1/27/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 07/29/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 9

**Bidders**

Reutzel Excavating, Inc	Burt, IA	\$71,445.25
L. Thies dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt, IA	\$72,798.00
Cory Juergens Construction LLC	Estherville, IA	\$72,865.35
Valley Contracting, Inc	Estherville, IA	\$73,043.00
BLAC Construction LLC	Sherburn, MN	\$77,442.12
Able Drainage & Excavating, Inc	Greenville, IA	\$92,886.05
Diamond Concrete & Construction	Spirit Lake, IA	\$115,918.13
Healy Excavating	Lake View, IA	\$126,741.00
Molitor Construction, LLC	Boone, IA	\$135,033.14

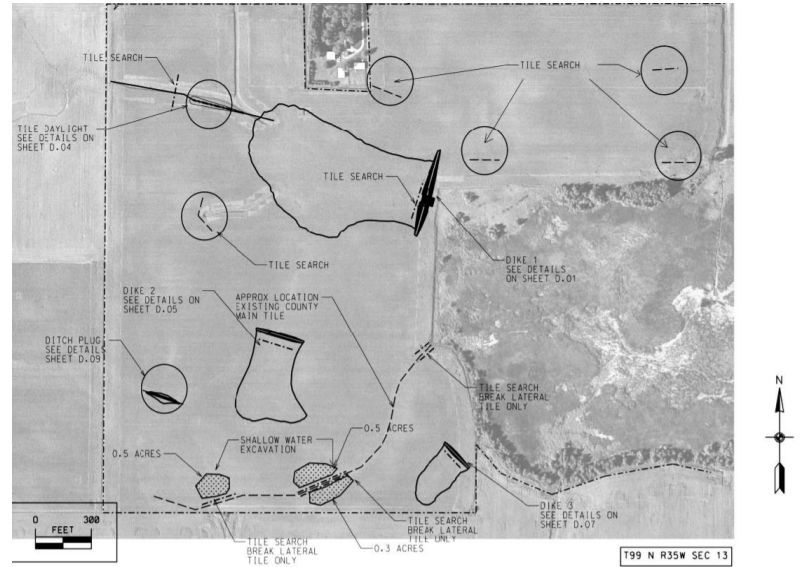
Upon Engineering's review of bids, IDNR recommends awarding the contract to Reutzel Excavating, Inc.

**\*8.2 Four Mile Lake WMA, Wetland Restoration– Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Four Mile Lake WMA is located approximately three miles west of Estherville. This 814 acre area is comprised of ½ marsh and ½ upland habitat that support deer, pheasant, waterfowl, and dove. It also encompasses Four Mile Lake, which is a 250 acre natural lake.

This wetland restoration project is located on the Strobe Tract of the area and aims to improve water quality for the lake by constructing wetland pools and disrupting tile flow on the property. Six shallow water pools will be constructed by excavating silt from two natural potholes and constructing four earthen dikes. Water control structures will be installed to allow staff to manage pool levels. The excavated spoil will be used for dike construction and/or improving landscape habitat. When complete, the components of the project will pretreat approximately 550 acres of Four Mile Lake watershed. Beyond the water quality component this project will create additional migratory bird habitat for game and nongame species as well as a small amount of floodwater storage.



**Engineering Project #:** 20-01-30-15

**Cost Estimate:** \$59,000

**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** 85% Federal NAWCA, 15% FWTF Waterfowl Stamp

**Bid Letting Date:** 1/27/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 09/02/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 8

**Bidders**

L. Thies dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt, IA	\$59,082.00
BLAC Construction LLC	Sherburn, MN	\$72,985.34
Valley Contracting, Inc	Estherville, IA	\$76,941.90
Able Drainage & Excavating, Inc	Greenville, IA	\$78,320.45
Healy Excavating	Lake View, IA	\$79,030.00
Diamond Concrete & Construction	Spirit Lake, IA	\$86,562.97
Reutzel Excavating, Inc	Burt, IA	\$93,007.80
Cohrs Construction, Inc	Spirit Lake, IA	\$107,925.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, IDNR recommends awarding the contract to L. Thies dba Empire Excavation.

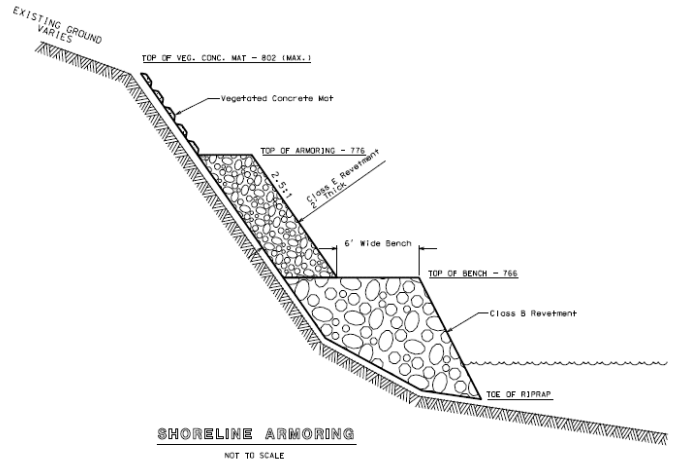
### 8.3 Coon Creek WMA, Streambank Stabilization – Winneshiek County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Coon Creek Wildlife Management Area is located approximately six miles east of Decorah. This 1,713 acre area is comprised of ¾ timber and ¼ upland habitats that support deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, and dove. In addition to hunting opportunities, there are three canoe and angler access points for the Upper Iowa River.



The Lower Dam of the Upper Iowa River was constructed in the early 1900's by Interstate Power Company to provide hydroelectric power to the City of Decorah. The Department acquired the property around the dam in 1967 and 1971. A high water event in 2018 damaged approximately 160 feet of streambank. To re-establish and improve bank stabilization, this project will install approximately 1,500 tons of riprap along the stream bank, and 5,000 square feet of vegetated concrete matting.



**Engineering Project #:** 19-03-96-04

**Cost Estimate:** \$92,000.00

**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 07/30/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 5

#### **Bidders**

Szabo Construction Co., Inc.	Postville, IA	\$101,020.80
Bacon Concrete, LLC	Postville, IA	\$102,625.25
Doug Egeland Tiling	Ossian, IA	\$102,821.00
David Ryan Construction	Decorah, IA	\$109,967.85
Reilly Construction Co., Inc.	Ossian, IA	\$160,652.50

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

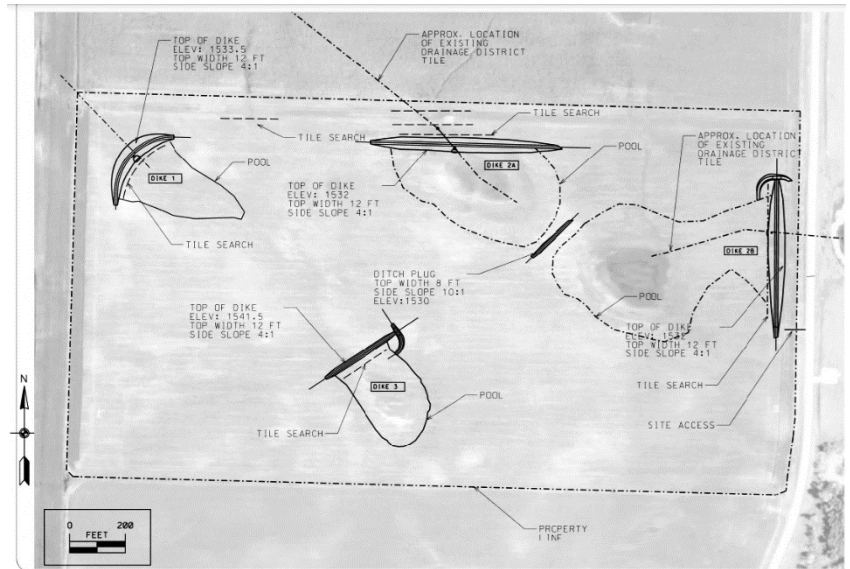
**\*8.4 Spring Run Complex WMA, Wetland Restoration – Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Spring Run Complex Wildlife Management Area is 4713 acres located east of Arnold’s Park and consists of various tracts comprised of 1/3 lake and marsh habitat and 2/3 upland habitat that support pheasant, waterfowl, and dove.

This project is located on the McDowell tract and aims to improve water quality and reduce sediment delivery for two separate watersheds; the first is a targeted EPA 319 Sub-Watershed for East Okoboji Lake, and the second for Pleasant Lake. Improvements will be made by constructing wetland pools and disrupting tile flow on the property.

Shallow water pools will be constructed by excavating silt from four natural potholes and constructing four earthen dikes. Water control structures will be installed to allow staff to manage pool levels. The excavated spoil will be used for dike construction and/or improving landscape habitat. When complete the components of the project will pretreat approximately 45 acres of the East Lake watershed and 30 acres of the Pleasant Lake watershed. Beyond the water quality component this project will create additional migratory bird habitat for game and nongame species as well as a small amount of floodwater storage.



**Engineering Project #:** 21-01-30-03  
**Cost Estimate:** \$54,000  
**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife  
**Funding Source:** NAWCA  
**Bid Letting Date:** 2/10/2022  
**Construction Completion Date:** 9/2/2022  
**Number of Bids Received:** 10

**Bidders**

Mitchell & Huss Excavation	George, IA	\$42,737.25
L. Thies dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt, IA	\$43,456.00
Healy Excavating	Lake View, IA	\$43,892.50
M&S Dirtwork	Breda, IA	\$44,768.00
Valley Contracting, Inc	Estherville, IA	\$46,967.00
BLAC Construction LLC	Sherburn, MN	\$49,941.80
Diamond Concrete & Construction	Spirit Lake, IA	\$54,608.95
Mega, Inc	Ocheyedan, IA	\$57,291.66
MLS Landscape & Design, Inc	Granville, IA	\$62,112.00
Able Drainage & Excavating, Inc	Greenville, IA	\$64,580.65

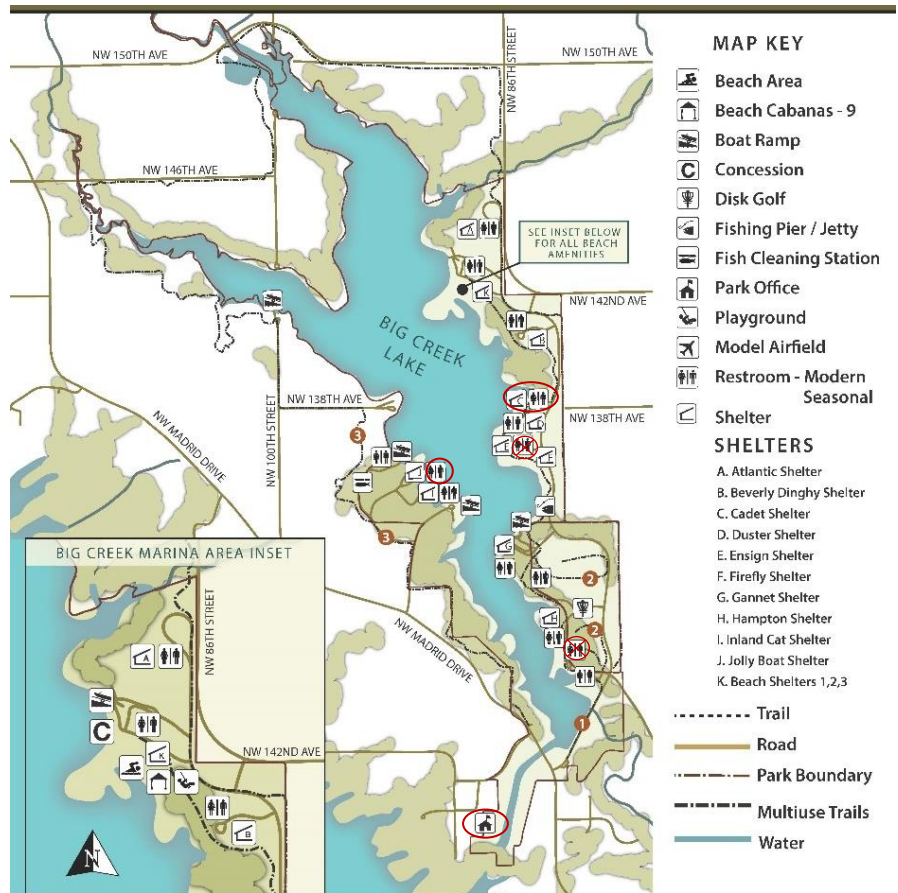
Upon Engineering’s review of bids, IDNR recommends awarding the contract to Mitchell & Huss Excavation.

## 8.5 Big Creek State Park, Derecho Repairs - Polk County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Big Creek State Park offers a variety of recreation opportunities for visitors. It has an 866-acre lake that provides excellent fishing year-round, boating activities, and swimming. Park amenities include ten picnic shelters, sports fields, several boat ramps, a 26-mile paved trail system, a disc golf course, and a beach with three picnic shelters and a concessionaire.

The derecho event that happened in 2020 severely damaged building roofs at Big Creek State Park. This project will remove the existing shingles and underlayment, and install new asphalt roofing at four buildings: Shelter C and its restroom, Shelter J's restroom, and the Park office. In addition to the roof repairs, two lesser used restrooms that were constructions in the 1970s that have reached their design life will be demolished: Shelter F's restroom and the restroom near the Model Airplane field.



**Engineering Project #:** 21-02-77-10

**Cost Estimate:** \$91,000.00

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 90% Executive Council, 10% REAP Open Spaces

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 08/31/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 5

### Bidders

Up Top Roofing, Inc	Brooklyn, IA	\$84,330.00
Metal Monsters	North Liberty, IA	\$96,375.00
Ram Development LLC	Des Moines, IA	\$98,482.00
Vieco Development & Construction	St Joseph, MO	\$107,310.00
Bergstrom Construction Inc	Des Moines, IA	\$137,200.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, IDNR recommends awarding the contract to Up Top Roofing, Inc.

## 8.6 Pikes Peak State Park, Campground Renovation – Clayton County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Pikes Peak State Park is located just south of McGregor, on the Mississippi River, and was dedicated in 1935. Amenities include picturesque views of the Mississippi River Valley, 11 miles of hiking trails, a 66-site campground with modern facilities, shelters, concession, and a playground.

**Project Description:** The asphalt roads within the park have deteriorated and the layout and utility services for the campground needs to be updated. This project will remove the existing asphalt roads, campground camp pads, electric service lines, and dump stations, and install approximately 4,000 feet of new concrete roadway, 60 new gravel camp pads, electric services, water services, sanitary sewer services, and a new sanitary disposal station. The 60 camping sites will include 6 full service (with 1 designated as ADA accessible) and 53 with electrical hook-ups and regional water hydrants (3 designated as ADA accessible). There will be 19 pull-through campsites and 41 back-in campsites to help meet the needs of the users.

**Engineering Project #:** 21-03-22-01

**Cost Estimate:** \$2,200,000.00

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 75% IA DOT Park & Institutional Road Fund, 25% Federal LAWCON

**Bid Letting Date:** 2/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 5/1/2023

**Number of Bids Received:** 4

### Bidders

Midwest Concrete, Inc.

Wicks Construction, Inc.

Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC

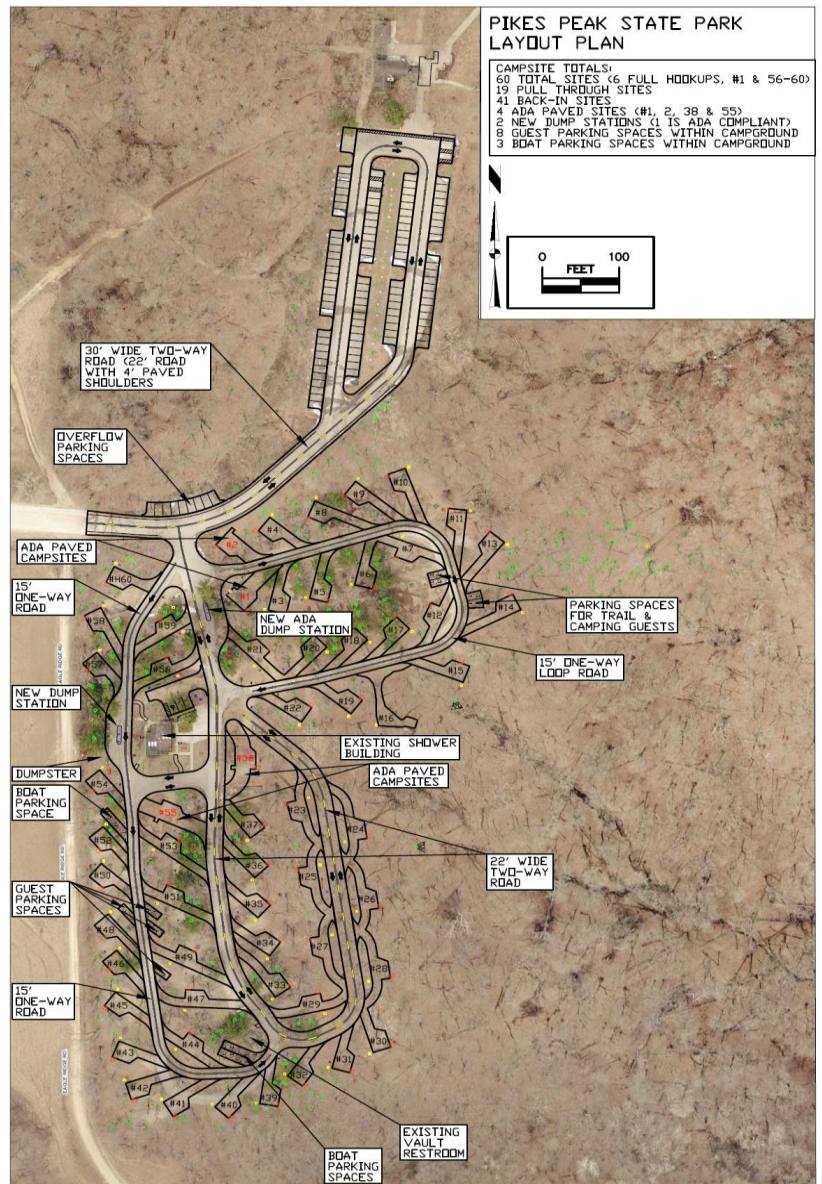
CJ Moyna and Sons, LLC

Peosta, IA \$1,691,712.27

Decorah, IA \$1,802,455.28

Cascade, IA \$1,899,585.60

Elkader, IA \$2,551,673.70



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



**8.7 Odessa WMA, FEMA Levee Repair – Louisa County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Odessa Wildlife Management Area is located approximately a half mile east of Wapello. This 4,139 acre area is comprised of ½ timber, ¼ lake, and ¼ marsh habitats that support deer, turkey, squirrel, and waterfowl.

A high water event in 2019 damaged seven areas along the levee system. Extended high water levels allowed wave-action erosion to occur. This project will add approximately 3,500 cubic yards of fill dirt to the eroded areas to restore the levee cross section to pre-disaster design. Approximately 5,000 square yards of erosion matting and permanent seeding will stabilize the levee.



**Engineering Project #:** 21-06-58-04

**Cost Estimate:** \$140,000

**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** 75% Federal-FEMA, 25% Executive Council

**Bid Letting Date:** 2/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 9/30/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Bidders**

Triple B Construction	Wilton, IA	\$153,784.00
Miller Trucking & Excavating	Silvis, IL	\$167,980.50

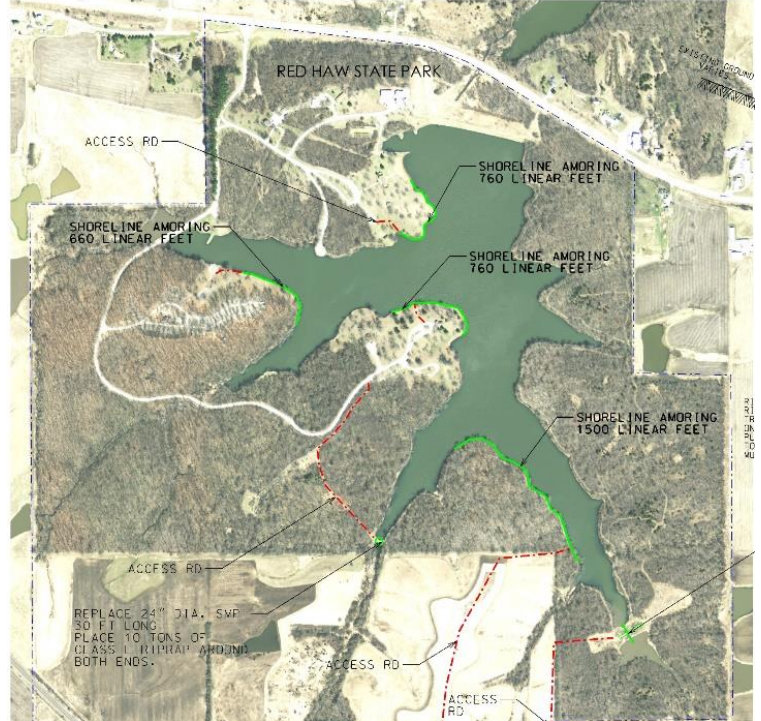
Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Triple B Construction.

### 8.8 Red Haw State Park, Shoreline Stabilization – Lucas Co. IA

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Red Haw State Park is located in south central Iowa near Chariton. This 649 acre park was first opened to the public in 1939. Amenities include a 70-acre lake, modern campground with electric sites, hiking trail, a beach, and a CCC stone picnic shelter.

DNR staff identified four areas of shoreline at the lake that are in need of armoring. Wave-action erosion has deteriorated the bank and the erosion is affecting water clarity. For this project, approximately 3,680 feet of shoreline will be armored with 4,620 tons of rock revetment. In addition to the shoreline work, a sediment pond spillway pipe will be replaced with a 24 inch diameter smooth metal pipe. The existing spillway pipe was constructed of corrugated metal in the 1980's and has rusted out.



**Engineering Project #:** 22-05-59-01

**Cost Estimate:** \$290,000

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 58% Marine Fuel Tax, 42% Federal EPA 319

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 02/15/2023

**Number of Bids Received:** 6

#### **Bidders**

DCLI LLC	Leon, IA	\$225,405.00
Nagel Construction, LLC	Allerton, IA	\$228,965.00
JNC Construction, LLC	Clearfield, IA	\$270,820.00
Kevin Kent Construction, LLC	Lucas, IA	\$340,625.00
McGee Concrete, LLC	Russell, IA	\$345,580.00
TK Concrete, Inc.	Pella, IA	\$395,860.00

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

**8.9 Lake Ahquabi State Park and Hooper Lake, Boat Docks – Warren County**

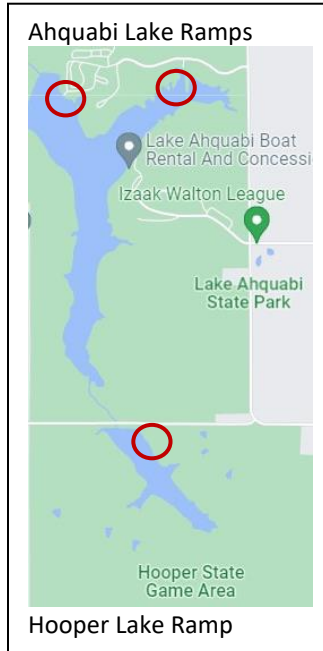
The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Lake Ahquabi was built in 1935. It has a surface area of 113 acres and is a popular destination for fishing, camping, swimming, and other recreation. Hooper Lake, built in the 1970s has a surface area of 45 acres. Hooper Lake was built to capture sediment entering Lake Ahquabi. One-third of the water entering Lake Ahquabi passes through Hooper Lake. Both areas provide public fishing and water recreation opportunities.

This project will replace a floating dock at Hooper and, at Ahquabi, replace a floating dock, add a dock and fish cleaning table near the campground, and extend an existing dock at the east main boat ramp.

The existing floating docks at Hooper Lake and Ahquabi’s campground area are at least

twenty years old. These two docks will be replaced with aluminum wedge docks. (A wedge dock rests on a concrete slab and can be slid in and out of the water seasonally using a tractor. There is no need for spud poles or a boat for installation as these docks do not float.) Also, at the campground area, a new wedge dock will be installed to provide additional boat mooring and fishing access. There will also be a fish cleaning table installed for campers to use. At Ahquabi’s main (east) boat dock, the existing concrete dock will be extended 20 feet with more concrete.



**Engineering Project #:** 22-05-91-06

**Cost Estimate:** \$95,000

**Operating Bureau:** Fisheries

**Funding Source:** Marine Fuel Tax

**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022

**Construction Completion Date:** 11/30/2022

**Number of Bids Received:** 3

**Bidders**

Haworth Land Construction	Indianola, Iowa	\$75,254.09
TWR Dock and Marine	Lamont, Iowa	\$107,810.03
McGee Concrete, LLC	Russell, IA	\$164,660.96

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Haworth Land Construction. Concrete dock to be extended 20’ with concrete.

**8.10 Gull Point State Park, Stone Entry Portal – Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Gull Point State Park is located on the southwest shore of West Okoboji Lake. The campground is one of the most popular campgrounds in the Iowa Great Lakes area. Amenities include 112 campsites, two flush restrooms, one shower building, a dump station, a CCC lodge, and a 1.3 mile long trail.

The existing entry area into Gull Point State Park has a 40-year-old wooden sign located off of Harpen Road. This sign will be replaced with a new Parks Design Guide Entry Portal. The portal will be constructed of concrete with stone veneer. A single laminated wood beam will be installed through the sign to hold the new Sign Guide sign panel.

**Engineering Project #:** 22-01-30-07  
**Cost Estimate:** \$70,000.00  
**Operating Bureau:** Parks  
**Funding Source:** Special Appropriation  
**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022  
**Construction Completion Date:** 06/10/2022  
**Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Bidders**

Under Construction, L.C.	Estherville, IA	\$64,961.00
Matt Construction, Inc.	Sumner, IA	\$94,416.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Under Construction, L.C.



**8.11 Brushy Creek State Recreation Area – Stone Entry Portal – Webster County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Brushy Creek State Recreation Area is located in central Iowa and consists of 6,500 acres which makes it the largest unit within Iowa’s system of state park and recreation areas. Facility development began in 1992. Existing amenities include a 690-acre lake, three modern campgrounds with 255 campsites, one picnic shelter, restrooms, six fishing jetties, one accessible fishing pier, four boat ramps, two equestrian day use parking areas, a primitive beach, 40 miles of trails, shooting range, and a beach.

The existing entry area into Brushy Creek State Recreation Area has a 30-year-old wooden sign located at the north entrance. This sign will be replaced with a new Parks Design Guide Entry Portal. The portal will be constructed of concrete with stone veneer. A single laminated wood beam will be installed through the sign to hold the new Sign Guide sign panel

**Engineering Project #:** 22-02-94-03  
**Cost Estimate:** \$60,000.00  
**Operating Bureau:** Parks  
**Funding Source:** Special Appropriation  
**Bid Letting Date:** 02/17/2022  
**Construction Completion Date:** 06/10/2022  
**Number of Bids Received:** 4

**Bidders**

Doyle Construction, LLC	Fort Dodge, IA	\$53,350.00
Jensen Builders, Ltd.	Fort Dodge, IA	\$79,500.00
Matt Construction, Inc.	Sumner, IA	\$82,966.00
Woodruff Construction, LLC	Fort Dodge, IA	\$97,937.00

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

Current Portal Example



Design Guide Portal Example



**8.12 Maquoketa Caves State Park, Stone Entry Portal – Jackson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Maquoketa Caves State Park is located in Jackson County, northwest of Maquoketa, Iowa. The 370 acre park was opened to the public in the 1930’s when the CCC built a lodge and walkways through the cave system. In addition to the caves and the lodge, the park has hiking trails, a museum, two picnic shelters, and a modern campground.

The existing entrance sign directing people to Maquoketa Caves State Park was a privately built sign on private property, located across the road from park property. This project will construct a new Parks Design Guide Entry Portal on DNR property at the Park’s entrance. The portal will be constructed of concrete with stone veneer. A single laminated wood beam will be installed through the sign to hold the new Sign Guide sign panel.

**Engineering Project #:** 22-06-49-02  
**Cost Estimate:** \$70,000.00  
**Operating Bureau:** Parks  
**Funding Source:** Special Appropriation  
**Bid Letting Date:** 3/3/2022  
**Construction Completion Date:** 06/10/2022  
**Number of Bids Received:** 3

**Bidders**

Sheets Design Build, LLC	Maquoketa, IA	\$62,800.00
Lansing Brothers Construction Co, Inc.	Luxemburg, IA	\$80,500.00
Matt Construction, Inc.	Sumner, IA	\$86,891.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Sheets Design Build LLC.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
NRC Meeting Date: 03/10/2022

Current Portal Example



Design Guide Portal Example

