

**Minutes of the
Natural Resource Commission
Meeting**

**June 09,
2022**

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Iowa Department of Natural Resources
George Wyth State Park, Waterloo, IA

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by the NRC Chair, Marcus Branstad, on 06/09/22 at 1:16 pm. This meeting is open to the public and is being recorded as outlined by Iowa Code (571-1.8).

Commissioner Attendance

Present

- Marcus Branstad, Chair [1:16p- 3:30p]
- Laura Foell [1:16p- 3:30p]
- Uriah Hansen [1:16p- 3:30p]
- Laura Hommel, Secretary [1:16p- 3:30p]
- Tammi Kircher [1:16p- 3:30p]
- Tom Prickett, Vice Chair [1:25pm- 3:30p]
- Margo Underwood [1:16p- 3:30p]

Absent

None

Public Participation

Name	Address	Representing	Topic
Dennis Pruckler	2221 Center St, Cedar Falls, IA	--	Flooding in George Wyth State Park

1. Approval of Agenda

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

2. Approve Minutes of 05/12/22 Public Meeting

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

3. Director’s Remarks

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief, representing DNR, shared that DNR leadership were at previously scheduled meetings today. He reported that, although the legislative session has ended, there are bills pending the Governor’s review. He also thanked staff for the presentations and field tours being held today.

4. Division Administrator’s Remarks

(See Director’s Remarks)

5. Donations

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
General	\$250.00	Funds to support the General Fund in memory of John Hausafus	Donna Olmstead
Parks and Forestry	\$100.00	Funds to support Parks and Forestry in memory of John Earl Hausafus.	Karen Shirk
General	\$50.00	Funds to support the General Fund in memory of John E Hausafus	Karen Thuente
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John Hausafus	Margaret Torrie
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Funds to support Parks and Forestry in memory of John E Hausafus.	Tara Hoadley
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$65.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John Hausafus	Cheryl Hausafus
Parks and Forestry	\$55.00	Funds to support Parks and Forestry in memory of John Hausafus.	Cheryl Hausafus
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Carl Ades	Brian Svoboda
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Funds to support Parks and Forestry in memory of John E Hausafus.	Donna Hoadley
Red Haw State Park	\$50.00	Funds for reforestation after tornado	R.D. and J.M. Blass
Red Haw State Park	\$500.00	Funds for reforestation after tornado	Andrew and Naomi Friend
Red Haw State Park	\$1,500.00	Funds to support reforestation at Red Haw State Park	Scott Arnold, ITC Midwest, LLC
Stephens State Forest	\$500.00	Funds to be used at the Whitebreast Unit – Equestrian Campground	McDonough Family Trust
Lake Wapello State Park	\$14,352.00	Two concrete camping pads for the camp host sites.	Friends of Lake Wapello
Lake Wapello State Park	\$13,534.06	Two EZ Floating Kayak Launches. One is located at the main boat ramp and the other is at the Campground.	Friends of Lake Wapello
Education, Outreach and Marketing	\$200.00	Camping gear for use in Educational Programs (2-man tent, 3-sleeping bags, first aid kit and miscellaneous small gear)	Suresh Ganu
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$30.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Richard Kurtenbach
Lake Keomah	\$1000.00	Funds for rock at campground	William Ludwick, PCM Railroad Club

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

6. Brass Bluegill Award and Special Recognition - 2022

Ken Carroll, Professor, Parks and Natural Resources at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids is the 2022 Brass Bluegill recipient. Since 2008, Ken has been a *Fish Iowa!* trainer, sharing the materials with his students. He includes *Fish Iowa!* in Applications of Natural Resources, a first year, first semester class. He also trains students in *Project WILD* and *Aquatic WILD* which help them develop interpretive skills and provides content material they will use when they complete the Certified Interpretive Guide Training through the National Association of Interpretation their final semester of the program.

Kirkwood’s Parks and Natural Resources students are trained in ecological restoration and interpretive skills to help them secure jobs as naturalists, park rangers, park managers and conservation officers. Many transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Carroll has trained some 450 future conservation professionals in *Fish Iowa!* and the WILD resources. According to him, “This pre-service training is invaluable as a resume builder. What we thought were soft skills of being able to communicate and lead really were a lot more important than that. These students are exposed to communication and presentation skills, and find strengths to talk about natural resources and practice those skills over and over to make an impression on a prospective employer in an interview or hit the ground running in their careers.”

Students are fully immersed in the *Fish Iowa!* teaching module throughout the semester. They learn fishing knots, practice casting, create their own fish to learn about adaptations, and compete in a casting competition. Students often follow up by fishing in ponds on the Kirkwood campus.

One of Ken’s students shared, “Ken is the organizer of several clubs on campus and teaches many types of classes, but I personally believe his true passion is teaching *Fish Iowa!*” Another said, “He has inspired generations of college students to get involved in fishing and teaching others.”

The DNR’s Aquatic Education Program success relies on local partnerships like the one we have with Mr. Carroll and Kirkwood that enable us to multiply our efforts by empowering future natural resources professionals to engage others through fishing and conservation education.

The Brass Bluegill award has been presented each year since 1996 to an outstanding local program that exemplifies the goals of the *Fish Iowa!* Angler Education program. Carroll will receive his award, along with fishing equipment to use with his classes.

INFORMATIONAL

7. 2022-2023 Deer Management Zone Hunts

The Commission is requested to approve the Deer Management Zone Hunts for the upcoming season as required by 571 Iowa Administrative Code 105.3. The list includes zones to be open to hunting, season dates, legal weapons, license types and quotas, and other information required by rule. Representatives for all of the cities on the list have indicated they want to be included in the list of special hunts. There will be 69 different locations, although several will have multiple hunts on them.

2022-2023 DEER MANAGEMENT ZONES
Cancelled or new hunts, as well as quota changes from last year, are highlighted.

Zone Name	Zone #	Season Name	Season Number	Season Dates		License Quota	Any Deer
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/202	10/23/202		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Muzzle	4	2	2	900	
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		

Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 2 Late	6	12/10/2022 2 12/19/2022	12/18/2022 2		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Muzzle	4	2	2	100	
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
				12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 2 Late	6	2 12/19/2022	2		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Ames (City)	2	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	75	2
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Muzzle	4	2	2		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022	50	
				12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 2 Late	6	2 12/19/2022	2		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Backbone State Park	4	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/4/2022	200	
Bellevue State Park	5	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Bettendorf & Riverdale (City)	7	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	125	9
Bobwhite State Park - WCCB	91	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	100	
Burlington (City)	97	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	200	12
Cedar Rapids (City)	8	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	400	5
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Muzzle	4	2	2	500	
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
				12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 2 Late	6	2 12/19/2022	2		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Muzzle	4	2	2	750	
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		

Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
		Late		2	2		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Muzzle	7	12/19/2022			
				2	1/10/2023		
Clinton (City)	9	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	75	1
Coralville (City)	10	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	200	8
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Muzzle	4	2	2	600	
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
				12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2		
		Late		12/19/2022			
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Corydon (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	89	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023	350	30
Council Bluffs (City)	69	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/22/2023	300	6
Davenport (City)	11	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	250	15
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Muzzle	4	2	2	500	
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
				12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2		
		Late		12/19/2022			
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023		
Denison (City)	12	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	
		Early		12/17/2022	12/18/2022		
DeSoto NWR	13	Muzzle	4	2	2	50	
		Late					
DeSoto NWR	14	Muzzle	7	1/7/2023	1/8/2023	50	
Dubuque (City)	16	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	225	20
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Early		10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Muzzle	4	2	2	600	
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
				2	2		

Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Eldora (City)	42	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Elkader (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	87	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023	450	10
Elk Rock State Park	18	Late Muzzle	7	1/7/2023	1/8/2023	25	
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	2	100
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022	2	
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023	2	
Green Valley State Park	20	Early Muzzle	4	11/12/2022	11/13/2022	2	35
Harpers Ferry (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	88	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023	300	17
Honey Creek State Park	85	Reg Gun 1	5	11/19/2022	11/20/2022	2	75
Honey Creek State Park	90	Cancelled	6	1/7/2023	1/8/2023	-	-
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	2	1200
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022	2	
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023	2	
IA Army Ammunition Plant	22	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	2	40
Iowa City (City)	101	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	200	1
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	2	30
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022	2	
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023	2	
Iowa Falls (City)	24	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	80	3

Jefferson County Park	64	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	25	2
Jones County Central Park	65	Cancelled	3	-	-	-	-
Kent Park	26	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	2
Keokuk (City)	83	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	50	7
Knoxville (City)	75	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	25	
Lacey Keosauqua State Park	28	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	75	
				10/15/202			
Lake Aquahbi State Park	19	Bow	3	2	1/10/2023	30	
Lake Darling State Park	30	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/4/2022	100	
					12/18/202		
Lake Iowa County Park	70	Bow	3	10/1/2022	2`	50	1
		Late		12/19/202			
Lake Iowa County Park	71	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023	75	
Lake Mills (City)	86	Cancelled	-	-	-	-	-
Lake of 3 Fires	34	Reg Gun 2	6	1/7/2022	1/8/2022	40	
Lake Wapello State Park	38	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/4/2022	50	
					12/31/202		
Ledges State Park	39	Bow	3	10/1/2022	2	40	
Maquoketa Caves	84	Bow	3	10/1/2022	12/2/2022	30	
Marshalltown (City)	78	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	60	1
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/202	10/23/202		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Muzzle	4	2	2	40	
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
				12/10/202	12/18/202		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2		
		Late		12/19/202			
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Mason City (City)	92	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	175	10
Mount Pleasant (City)	41	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Muscatine (City)	43	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	150	5
Oskaloosa (City)	6	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	100	1
Ottumwa (City)	44	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	175	17
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/202	10/23/202		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Muzzle	4	2	2	200	
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
				12/10/202	12/18/202		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2		
		Late		12/19/202			
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Pike's Peak State Park / McGregor	46	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	100	7

Pine Lake State Park	47	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	30	1
				9/17/2022	1/22/2023		
Polk/Dallas Archery Only Zone	48	Bow	3	*	*	1000	44
	61	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Polk/Dallas (Perimeter)	61	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
<i>Licenses valid within</i>	61	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/202	10/23/202		
<i>Polk/Dallas deer</i>	61	Muzzle	4	2	2	75	
<i>management zone, outside</i>	61	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
				12/10/202	12/18/202		
<i>controlled/permit-only areas.</i>	61	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2		
		Late		12/19/202			
	61	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Reichelt Area	74	Cancelled	5	11/5/2022	11/9/2022	40	
Scott County Park	50	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Smith Wildlife Area	110	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	10	
Smith Wildlife Area	66	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022	3	
				12/10/202	12/18/202		
Smith Wildlife Area	67	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2	3	
		Late		12/19/202			
Smith Wildlife Area	68	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023	3	
Springbrook State Park	51	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	20	
					11/30/202		
Stone State Park	82	Bow	3	9/17/2022	2	75	
Wanatee Park (formerly Squaw Creek)							
	53	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	100	4
				10/10/202			
Waterloo/Cedar Falls Metro	56	Bow	3	2	1/10/2023	290	14
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/202	10/23/202		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Muzzle	4	2	2	50	
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
				12/10/202	12/18/202		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2		
		Late		12/19/202			
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023		
Wildcat Den State Park	63	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
		Early		10/15/202	10/23/202		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Muzzle	4	2	2		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022	400	
				12/10/202	12/18/202		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2		

		Late		12/19/202		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	
		Early		10/15/202	10/23/202	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Muzzle	4	2	2	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022	200
				12/10/202	12/18/202	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 2	6	2	2	
		Late		12/19/202		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Muzzle	7	2	1/10/2023	

Motion – Commissioner Underwood
 Seconded – Commissioner Hansen
 Discussion – Andy Kellner, Wildlife Bureau, provided information related to quota (licenses available across all seasons) and harvest (hunter success) and discussed Iowa City’s continued depredation efforts.
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

***8. Contract with Pheasants Forever, Inc., and Iowa Native Seed Growers Association**

Commission approval is requested for a cooperative agreement with Pheasants Forever, Inc., of St. Paul, MN and with Iowa Native Seed Growers Association of Winterset, IA.

Contract Terms

Income: Approximately \$100,000 annually

Dates: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2028

Funds Deposited to: Habitat Check-Off Fund

Contract Purpose: The purpose of entering into this Cooperative Agreement is to continue the partnership between the Iowa Native Seed Growers Association (INSGA), Pheasants Forever, Inc. (PF), and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promote the creation and enhancement of native prairie habitat in Iowa. This agreement has been in effect since 2003 and has helped to facilitate a great partnership between DNR, PF, and INSGA.

The Habitat Check-Off funds are split 50:50 between PF and DNR, and donations to the fund are made when participating INSGA dealers/growers receive Habitat Check-Off Certificates, PF Seed Orders and Vouchers, and DNR Prairie Partner’s Vouchers. Income deposited into the Habitat Check-off Fund may vary depending on the number of customers who use the Habitat Check-Off Program and the amount of their purchase. Revenues during the last agreement period (2016-2022) averaged ~\$100,000 annually. PF and DNR shall make use of the Habitat Check-Off Funds for the promotion, creation, and enhancement of native prairie habitat using both seed and/or plugs on private and public lands.

The partners work together to promote the Habitat Check-Off Program and maintain the Habitat Check-Off Fund. The majority of the funds in the Habitat Check-Off Fund have been used to provide cost-share to landowners to purchase native grassland plant material including seed or plugs. The funds have also been used for advertisement of the program and promoting the use of native plant materials in conservation practices.

The goal of this cooperative agreement is to facilitate conservation work on both public and private lands throughout Iowa by using native plant material in a manner acceptable to all parties to this agreement. All parties shall:

- Work together to implement a system that provides DNR access to native plant materials for the creation and enhancement of native prairie habitat.

- Work together to continue the program PF has put in place to purchase, deliver, sell, and distribute seed through its chapter’s habitat programs.
- Work collaboratively to find new ways to promote the use of native plant materials and native seed and plant industry in Iowa.

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

9. Chapter 27 – Land and Water Conservation Fund, City and County Grant Recommendations (FY2022)

The Commission is requested to approve the following grant recommendations pursuant to Chapter 27, Land and Waters Conservation Fund, City and County Grant program.

Grant Purpose: The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federally funded, fifty percent cost share, grant program. The purpose of LWCF is to offer grants to Iowa’s cities and counties to assist with acquisition and development of outdoor recreation. The program is governed by program rules adopted in Chapter 27 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The scoring criteria established in Chapter 27 include:

- Relationship to SCORP priorities (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan),
- Direct recreation benefits provided,
- Local need, and
- Quality of the site.

Also, as established by rule, bonus and penalty points are awarded based on criteria such as: level of prior assistance from the LWCF, special features for the elderly and persons with disabilities; minority populations served, degree of public participation and support, recycled content material use, and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of the Interior distributes the LWCF grant funds after their budget is approved, which is usually by the fall of the year.

Grant Funding Available: For this grant cycle (Federal Fiscal Year 2022), Iowa’s apportionment for distribution has not yet been allocated. We are expecting to receive the allocation later this summer, and to be in the range of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

Summary of Selection Process: As directed by criteria under Chapter 27, the grant review and selection committee met on May 5, 2021, to evaluate and score applications and to provide recommendations for the grant awards. Chapter 27 outlines that no application shall be selected which has received a score of less than 60.

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

- Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (1)
- Iowa Parks and Recreation Association (1)
- DNR (3)

Number of Eligible Applications Received: 12

Recommendations: The Committee recommends funding the projects in the ranked order they are listed as funds are available. If a ranked project declines their award or an application is withdrawn, dollars will be offered to the next qualified applicant. Any unused funds will carry forward for use in future projects.

Rank	Score	Grant Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Award
1	79	Story County Conservation Board	Deppe Family Conservation Area	\$405,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
This project acquires and permanently protects 127 acres of undeveloped land three miles northeast of the City of Ames. The property will be named the Deppe Family Conservation Area. Story County Conservation has developed a Concept Plan for the property which identifies the following main goals: 1) increase the adjoining McFarland Park buffer from development, 2) increase Iowa native plant and animal habitat, 3) provide outdoor recreation, and 4) compliment the features of McFarland Park.						

2	78.4	Des Moines County Conservation Board	Big Hollow Park Accessibility Improvements	\$299,228	\$149,614	\$149,614
This project will add 18 new RV campsites next to the existing RV campground. It will also pave a fishing jetty (currently gravel surface), install sidewalks at the beach and to an existing kayak launch dock, replacing soft, natural surfaces and stairs with accessible paved routes.						
3	75.3	City of Des Moines	Stone Park Pickleball & Basketball Courts	\$547,271	\$200,000	\$200,000
The City of Des Moines intends to revitalize the existing 13 acre Stone Park, which is commonly referred to as underdeveloped in a predominantly low-income neighborhood. Currently, Stone Park has an indoor recreation center, but lacks outdoor amenities. The City of Des Moines is seeking a LWCF grant to install pickleball courts, repair the existing basketball court, and add the necessary lighting.						
4	75.2	City of Winterset	Winterset All-Inclusive Playground	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
On approximately a quarter-acre site, an existing unsafe playground will be removed and replaced with a professionally designed all-inclusive playground. The \$1 million project will include play features, safety surfacing, drainage, signage, and a concrete access path. LWCF will be used to purchase playground equipment, perform surface excavation, install flat-work, and install materials.						
5	72.6	City of Tipton	4 th St. Plaza Pocket Park	\$240,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
The City of Tipton is looking to construct a pocket park in its downtown area, at the corner of Hwy 38/4th Street. The reinvention of this vacant plot will help enhance our downtown area, increase outdoor recreation opportunities, and act as a social gathering space for the community and visitors alike. It will be equipped with an accessible splash pad, sheltered seating, and bathroom facilities.						
6	72.2	City of Laurens	Laurens Pool	\$2,492,620	\$75,000	\$75,000
This project will construct a new 3,083 square foot concrete swimming pool at a local city park with a zero-depth entry, swimming lanes, diving tower, pool stairs for accessibility, and a new bathhouse and concession stand. The pool will be located in a city park near other City amenities and will be used for general swimming, swim team practices and meets, and adult swimming time.						
7	71.6	City of Cherokee	Cherokee Skatepark Project	\$267,160	\$100,000	\$100,000
Construction of a 125' x 35' concrete skate/scooter/BMX bike park located on city-owned land along E. Main St. (Hwy. 977) in the City of Cherokee Iowa. LWCF funds will be toward the construction materials and labor costs.						
8	71.2	City of Bondurant	Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex Trail Connection	\$216,550	\$100,000	\$100,000
The City of Bondurant will install a 10'-wide trail starting at the north park boundary of the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex then heading south through the park to connect to the existing paved trail around Lake Petocka. A separate project not part of the LWCF application will include installation of a trail crossing over Santiago Creek linking the neighborhoods to the park amenities.						
9	70.8	City of Farragut	Farragut Admiral Trail	\$566,310	\$50,000	\$50,000
This project features the construction/rehabilitation of a 135' bridge on the Farragut Admiral Trail that would provide safe access over Fisher Creek on the trail corridor from Highway 2 to Farragut.						

10	69.8	Boone County Conservation Board	High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park, Division 1B	\$660,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
This application is for Division 1B of the paved trail, which is 1.2 miles entirely within Swede Point Park. The trail will travel along the east and north sides of the park and through the western portion to connect to the park road. From the southeast end of the park, the trail will connect to Division 1A, which will be constructed in 2022 and complete the connection to the High Trestle Trail.						
11	69.8	City of Dubuque	Chaplain Schmitt Island Trail Extension Project	\$443,516	\$175,000	\$175,000
This project provides for building a 1,685 linear foot, 10 feet wide, multi-use trail extension that will promote the flow of visitors to the McAleece Park & Recreation Complex, and other outdoor recreation areas on Chaplain Schmitt Island, providing bicyclist and pedestrians with an ADA compliant, off-road, multi-use trail on the island's south side where none exists currently.						
12	69.6	City of Washington	Wellness Park Soccer Field Improvement Project	\$207,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Install lights for the full-sized soccer field and construct a restroom and concession stand building.						

Motion – Commissioner Hansen
 Seconded – Commissioner Prickett
 Discussion – Nick Dellaca, Parks Bureau, reported that the actual allocation amount has been received which is \$1,722,392, and provided information on the project approval process; once the NRC approves the projects, then the projects are submitted to the National Park Service for approval and grant agreements. He also discussed program marketing which includes the DNR website and email correspondence to the League of Cities and County Boards who also share about the upcoming grant cycle.
 Decision – Approved (2 nays – Commissioners Foell and Hommel)

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

10. Contract with Iowa Regional Utilities Association

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Iowa Regional Utilities Association, of Grundy Center, IA.

Contract Terms

Amount: \$193,873

Dates: June 13, 2022 to December 30, 2022

Funding Source(s): Parks Infrastructure Fund

Contract Purpose: Rock Creek State Park in Jasper County is a premier camping destination in central Iowa, offering a variety of outdoor activities, including boating and paddling, year-round fishing, hiking, and horseback riding. Nearly 200 campsites comprise the park's beautiful campground, featuring both electric and non-electric sites, with several sites available on the water's edge or in wooded areas, and a modern restroom and shower building.

Currently, the Park utilizes a water cistern which is filled up using a ¾ inch water line coming into the Park. The cistern stores water during the week so there is water available and adequate pressure for the campground and park-wide use over the weekends. After the weekend depletion, the cistern then fills up again during the week. As usage increases, this is not ideal because the water cistern will not be able to hold enough water to meet the use levels at the park.

Also, the existing water cistern, approximately 55 years old, is in need of replacement due to its age and condition. Instead of replacing the cistern, this project will remove it from the water distribution system and instead have the water provider install a larger 6-inch water line coming into the park and a 2-inch water meter and pit. By

installing adequate water supply lines, this will eliminate the need to shut down the campground and other uses at the park which would need to occur if we replaced the cistern. The increase in the line coming into the park will provide enough water flow and pressure to meet the park needs while also alleviating the long-term maintenance and certification requirements of maintaining a water cistern system.

Tasks for this contract include:

- Install approximately 8,300 feet of 6-inch water main coming into the park and a new 2-inch water meter and pit in the park.
- Connect 6-inch water main to an existing 2-inch water system in the park

Selection Process Summary: The Department utilized a sole source agreement with Iowa Regional Utility Association. The sole source agreement is needed because they are the water service provider for the park, they own the infrastructure, and they are the only provider in the area. Iowa law prevents multiple water supply utilities in a given area. The vendor’s price quote was determined reasonable by comparing it to similar prior construction projects that were competitively bid.

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

11. Contract with Mitchell County Conservation Board (Cedar River Water Trail Access Improvements)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Mitchell County Conservation Board (MCCB) of Osage, IA.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$120,000

Dates: June 13, 2022 to June 30, 2024

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

Background: During the recent water trail planning process, public input and the water trail steering committee (consisting of local citizens and public officials) identified Bennett, Spring Park, and T38 as high priority areas for improved river access and parking. All three access areas have no formal launches, just uneven (sometimes steep) natural paths down to the river’s edge. Crushed limestone is used at T-38, but it’s costly and maintenance intensive due to high water events washing the gravel downstream each year. Additionally, the river segment from Bennett to Spring Park has been identified as the most popular stretch on the Cedar in Mitchell County due to its scenic quality and close proximity to Osage, the largest city in the county.

The County Conservation Board, City of Osage, and the steering committee determined that the segment from Bennett to Spring Park was the best candidate for “Gateway” access treatment. The DNR agrees. Gateway accesses mean they will incorporate “universal design” to allow for multiple uses of the river (i.e. motorized, non-motorized, and angling) for all, especially for those with limited mobility, the elderly, and families with children. Concept designs with renderings and cost estimates were completed as a step in the water trail planning process in order to assist with fundraising and grant writing.

Contract Purpose: The purpose of this two year cooperative agreement is to work with MCCB to retain a consultant to provide engineering services for three river accesses (Bennett, Spring Park, and T-38) located on the Cedar River in Mitchell County, and construct a hard surface boat ramp at T-38 Access. Engineering services for this project include completed designs and construction documents, permitting, and bid letting for all three projects. Bidding, construction, and oversight of the boat ramp at T-38 will be managed by MCCB.

Budget:

DNR Contribution (65%):	Not to exceed \$120,000.00
<u>MCCB Contribution (35%):</u>	<u>Not to exceed \$ 42,340.00</u>
Total Cost:	Not to exceed \$162,340.00

Anticipated Future Work: Future work will include fundraising and construction of accesses and parking at Bennett and Spring Park, and parking only at T-38 (access construction at T-38 is included in this agreement).

Selection Process Summary: This contract is authorized by 11 Iowa Administrative Code section 118.4.

Motion – Commissioner Prickett
Seconded – Commissioner Underwood
Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

***12. Public Land Management Projects**

***12.1 Agreement Renewal, Emergency Radio Communications Tower, Pikes Peak State Park – Clayton County Sheriff’s Department**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a renewal of the management agreement with the Clayton County Sheriff’s Department for the Emergency Radio Communications Tower located within Pikes Peak State Park.

Location: The area is 1.5 miles south of McGregor in Clayton County.

Site Purpose: This renewal allows the Clayton County Sheriff’s Department to manage, care for, and maintain the emergency radio communications tower located within Pikes Peak State Park.

Management History: The original Management Agreement was approved in 1998.

Management Agreement Term: The term of this Agreement with the Clayton County Sheriff’s Department is 25 years.

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

***12.2 Contract with Scott County Conservation Board, Land Management/Maintenance**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Scott County Conservation Board.

Contract Terms

Amount: not to exceed \$30,000 per year

Dates: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027

Funding Source(s): Fish & Wildlife Trust 69%, Marine Fuel Tax 31%

Contract Purpose: Lost Grove Lake in Scott County, Iowa, contains public access areas with trails, jetties, fishing parallel structures, restroom facilities, boat ramps, and parking lots. Maintenance is required to keep the area safe and usable for the public. Scott County Conservation Board (Scott CCB) has multiple maintenance staff and the equipment available at nearby Scott County Park to maintain Lost Grove Lake and react to maintenance issues more quickly than DNR staff, who are not located in the area. Scott CCB is also able to maintain a regular presence at Lost Grove Lake which helps deter issues such as vandalism. Scott CCB has been conducting maintenance at Lost Grove Lake under annual agreements since 2016.

Tasks in this agreement include: mowing and trimming grassy areas and along structures; trimming weeds and woody debris from jetties and structures and applying aquatic-safe herbicide as needed; dragging trails, jetties, and structures after significant rainfall events; spreading limestone gravel; trash removal; clean and sanitize pit vault toilets; and snow removal.

Scott CCB’s partnership, coordination, and cooperation have been an asset to the care of the lake area. Scott County Conservation Board officially and unanimously approve the above maintenance contract for Lost Grove Lake at their regular meeting on May 11, 2022.

Selection Process Summary: Intergovernmental contracting is authorized under 11 IAC 118.7.

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

13. Public Land Acquisition Projects

13.1 Goshen Wildlife Management Area, Lucas County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

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

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 104 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$312,000

Appraised Price: \$403,000

Property Description: This irregular-shaped property is located five miles south of Lucas in southwestern Lucas County. The steep to near level tract lies within an upslope from the Chariton River floodplain. Land use includes 20 acres of cropland in one, irregular-shaped field, 78 acres of grassland and timber, and 6 acres of road right of way. There are no building improvements. Highway 65 provides public access along the entire east boundary of the property. A county gravel road provides additional access along the entire south side of the tract.

Purpose: This acquisition will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The addition also improves access to the Goshen area located on the south side of the Chariton River.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$234,000 Federal Pittman-Robertson, \$70,000 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$5,000 Lucas County Chapter Pheasants Forever, \$3,000 Monroe County Chapter Pheasants Forever

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

Motion – Commissioner Prickett
Seconded – Commissioner Kircher
Discussion – Kelly Smith, Wildlife Bureau, provide information about the area management plan which is to manage the grasslands, plant prairie seed, and, long term, restore the oxbow close to the river.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Foell - nay

Commissioner Kircher –aye

Commissioner Hansen- aye

Commissioner Prickett – aye

Commissioner Hommel – nay

Commissioner Underwood – aye

Commissioner Branstad - aye

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

13.2 West Salt Creek WMA, Tama County – Ron & James Wauters

The Natural Resource Commission’s approval is requested to accept the donation of a tract of land located in Tama County near West Salt Creek WMA.

Donor: Ron Wauters & James Wauters

Acreage: 4.6

Property Description: This property is located adjacent West Salt Creek WMA in Tama County. The heavily-wooded tract is located adjacent-north of the wildlife area. Wolf Creek runs through the property to Salt Creek which eventually empties into the Iowa River within the Iowa River Corridor Complex. The parcel consists of former railroad line and depot right-of-way.

Purpose: Local managers intend manage the wooded tract in the same manner as the remainder of the area. The tract will provide public hunting access as well as other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

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

Motion – Commissioner Underwood
Seconded – Commissioner Hansen

Discussion – Kelly Smith, Wildlife Bureau, provided land use information under a Wildlife Management Area, which is more flexible than under certain funding sources. She discussed parcels and how they are related to survey costs and funding plans for those expenses.

Roll Call Vote:

- Commissioner Kircher –aye
- Commissioner Hansen- aye
- Commissioner Prickett – aye
- Commissioner Hommel – nay
- Commissioner Underwood – aye
- Commissioner Foell - aye
- Commissioner Branstad - aye

Decision – Approved (1 nay – Commissioner Hommel)

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

13.3 Little Sioux Wildlife Management Area, Clay County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

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

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 146.9 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$765,000

Appraised Price: \$945,000

Property Description: This property is located less than one mile northwest of Gillett Grove in southeastern Clay County. The irregular-shaped tract is level to gently sloping, reflecting primarily Little Sioux River floodplain. There are 32.52 are enrolled in CRP. The tract is bisected from north to south by the Little Sioux River. There are no building improvements. Access is provided by a paved county road along the south boundary.

Purpose: This acquisition will provide for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities, and allowing for management of healthy riverine and upland forest ecosystems, while also improving access to the greater Little Sioux unit.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source: Federal Pittman Robertson

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

Motion – Commissioner Kircher

Seconded – Commissioner Prickett

Discussion – Kelly Smith, Wildlife Bureau, noted land use restrictions under Pittman Robertson funding are minimal.

Roll Call Vote:

- Commissioner Hansen- aye
- Commissioner Prickett – aye
- Commissioner Hommel – nay
- Commissioner Underwood – aye
- Commissioner Foell - nay
- Commissioner Kircher –aye
- Commissioner Branstad - aye

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

14. Construction - Small Projects

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

Bid Date	Project No.	Location	County	Summary	Cost Estimate	Bids
5/12/22	20-03-12-04 Wildlife	Big Marsh WMA	Butler	Replace a water control structure.	\$19,000	\$22,462.00 \$24,299.94 \$36,375.00 \$54,365.00 \$66,900.00 \$93,733.75

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15. Construction Projects

*15.1 Green Valley State Park, Boat Ramp Parking Expansion – Union County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Opened in 1952, Green Valley State Park encompasses more than 1,100 acres, including a 390-acre lake. Existing facilities include a lakeshore campground with modern facilities, lakeshore camper cabins, fishing jetties, 10-mile trail, three boat ramps, and a beach.

The existing parking lot at Green Valley’s main boat ramp parking lot consists of both asphalt and concrete surfacing in the main lot and a grass overflow parking lot. This project will replace approximately 2,500 square yards of grass parking with 450 tons of crushed stone.

Engineering Project #: 22-04-88-05

Cost Estimate: \$56,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: Marine Fuel Tax

Bid Letting Date: 5/12/2022

Construction Completion Date: 10/22/2022

Number of Bids Received: 3

Bidders

TEK Builder, LLC Mt. Ayr, IA \$49,460.00

JNC Construction, LLC Clearfield, IA \$50,286.50

Armodus, LLC Mondamin, IA \$58,445.00

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

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

*15.2 Eldon WMA, Road Maintenance- Davis County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Eldon Wildlife Management Area is located approximately four miles east of Floris, Iowa. This 1,290-acre area is comprised of timber and upland habitat that supports deer, turkey, and squirrels.

This project consists of 0.4 miles of granular road way maintenance, consisting of reestablishing the roadway crown, cleaning out ditches, and spreading 570 tons of new rock. Additionally, two 18-inch diameter culverts will be replaced and two rock check dams will be constructed.

Engineering Project #: 20-05-26-04

Cost Estimate: \$83,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife
Funding Source: Parks and Institutional Road Fund
Bid Letting Date: 5/12/2022
Construction Completion Date: 10/31/2022
Number of Bids Received: 4

Bidders

Boyle Built Enterprises, LLC	Selma IA	\$67,731.98
Cole Construction Co, INC	Keosauqua IA	\$71,435.20
Dirty 30 Excavating and Trucking LLC	Des Moines IA	\$75,754.00
Leffler Dirtworks LLC	Oskaloosa IA	\$98,727.00

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

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

15.3 Maquoketa Caves State Park, Stair Fabrication and Installation - 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 stair structures at Middle Dance Hall Cave and at Twin Arches Trail were constructed in the late 1980’s. The structures have sustained damage over the years due to fallen trees as well as typical wear and tear. Both structures need replacement. The contractor will demolish the existing stairs at both locations and install new stairs: pre-fabricated steel stairs will be installed at Middle Dance Hall Cave and, at Twin Arches Trail, C channel and angle steel stairs will be attached to the existing rebar foundation system and new 2x6 treated lumber will be installed over the steel treads as the walking surface.

Engineering Project #: 21-06-49-04

Cost Estimate: \$190,000.00

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: Executive Council 75%, REAP Land Management 25%

Bid Letting Date: 05/12/2022

Construction Completion Date: 12/31/2022

Number of Bids Received: 1

Bidders

Miller Trucking and Excavating	Silvis, IL	\$154,000.00
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Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Miller Trucking and Excavating.

Motion – Commissioner Kircher
 Seconded – Commissioner Hansen
 Discussion – Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief, provided information about this specialized project and fabrication needed to complete the stairs.
 Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

15.4 Ingham-High Complex, Shoreline Armoring- Emmet County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Ingham-High Complex Wildlife Area is located approximately five miles east of Wallingford. This 3,209-acre area is comprised of lake, marsh, timber, and upland habitat that supports deer, squirrel, pheasant, waterfowl, rabbit, and dove.

A 4,000-foot section of roadway runs right beside Ingham lake on the north and west side. The shoreline has been slowly eroding throughout years of wave action and is incurring detrimental erosion in several areas. After selective tree clearing and minor bank shaping, 3,630 tons of natural fieldstone will be placed along the shoreline on the western side of the lake.

Engineering Project #: 19-01-32-02

Cost Estimate: \$270,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: Parks and Institutional Road Fund

Bid Letting Date: 5/12/2022

Construction Completion Date: 5/15/2023

Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

B & B Farm Drainage Inc Wallingford IA \$332,770.00

BD Construction Services LLC Spencer IA \$475,670.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to B & B Farm Drainage Inc.

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

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

15.5 Randolph Access WMA, Road Maintenance-Iowa County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Randolph Wildlife Area is located approximately five miles southeast of Belle Plaine on Highway 212. This 405-acre area is comprised of timber and upland habitat that supports deer, squirrel, pheasant, and turkey.

This project consists of 0.8 miles of granular roadway maintenance, consisting of reestablishing the roadway crown, cleaning out ditches, and spreading 968 tons of new rock. Additionally, a 36” diameter culvert will be replaced.

Engineering Project #: 20-05-48-01

Cost Estimate: \$132,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: Parks and Institutional Road Fund

Bid Letting Date: 5/12/2022

Construction Completion Date: 10/31/2022

Number of Bids Received: 5

Bidders

Brian Miller Excavating, LLC Marengo, IA \$142,166.37

H&H Construction & Development, LLC Miles, IA \$142,284.00

David Ryan Construction Decorah, IA \$144,080.00

Miller Trucking & Excavating Co. Silvis, IL \$153,758.00

Leffler Dirtworks, LCC Oskaloosa, IA \$167,204.00

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

Motion – Commissioner Hansen
Seconded – Commissioner Underwood

Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

CARRIED AS PRESENTED

***16. Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Trees JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Wahoo, NE.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$64,980

Dates: June 13, 2022 to May 31, 2023

Funding Source(s): Woodland Health Initiative

Contract Purpose: To assist 18 Iowa communities with planning and managing their urban tree resources, development of response to the presence of Emerald Ash Borer and other tree pests and problems. As a part of the project each eastern Iowa community included in the contract will receive an inventory of street and park trees, a visual survey of forest health symptoms, a summary of benefits those trees, and an urban forest management plan. Tasks include:

- Inventory street and park trees in identified communities. Collect data for each tree that includes all require categories for data collection, i.e., GPS derived locations for each tree and data elements for each tree.
- Visually survey all trees for signs and symptoms of invasive pest and disease in the identified communities, return data to DNR in shapefile format via e-mail.
- Calculate the benefit of the street and park trees using the most current version of i-Tree and create maps of the trees for each urban forest management plan.
- Finalize urban forest management plans for the identified communities and submit plans to DNR for approval.
- Presentation of the urban forest management plans to each community.

Communities include: Anamosa, Cumming, Early, Ely, Fenton, Harcourt, Monona, New Hampton, Preston, Primghar, Riverdale, Rolfe, Spillville, St. Ansgar, University Heights, Villisca, Wapello, and Winterset.

This process was done annually since 2012 for 173 other communities in total. These inventories and plans have aided communities with current information to make tree care and budget decisions. The data collected in these have help prioritize removal and treatment of ash trees as well as monitored for pests like walnut twig beetle that is necessary for Iowa to continue international sale of wood products.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from 198 in-state arborists and national tree inventory companies. Proposals were scored based on the criteria as described in the RFP which included cost of service and experience conducting street tree inventories and writing urban forestry management plans which includes work plan, past work projects, capacity of respondent and mechanism for GIS collection.

Date Proposals Received: May 11, 2022

of Proposals Received: 2

Recommendation: JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Score (120 pts total)	Rank	Cost
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Wahoo, NE	112.33	1	\$64,980
ArborPro, Inc.	Yorba Linda, CA	74.94	2	\$167,490

CARRIED UNDER CONSENT

17. General Discussion

• Non Resident Small Game Hunting License Discussion -

Commissioner Hansen provided background of hunting pressures being put on public ground and his ask for data from the DNR regarding small game (ie pheasant, rabbit, squirrel) to compare Iowa history and nearby states, and license sales for day trips in a 150 mile radius, as well as hunting access. Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief, and Chris Ensminger, Wildlife Supervisor, provided information on harvests, access, resident/non-resident hunter trends, the licensing system capabilities, and public input and the rulemaking process. Commissioners discussed aspects of the topic and were interested in learning more. To meet this request, for discussion at a future meeting, Commissioner Branstad asked DNR to gather more information from resident and non-resident hunters, provide a breakdown of license sales, and discuss the topic with the Governor’s office.

- **Commissioner Comments:** Commissioners shared general comments and natural resource related experiences. The next NRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the State Forest Nursery in Ames, IA. After the business meeting, a joint meeting with the EPC and a tour of the Nursery will be held.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Commissioner Kircher
 Second – Commissioner Hansen
 Decision - Approved by Unanimous Vote
 With no further business to come before the Natural Resource Commission, Chair Branstad adjourned the meeting on 06/09/22 at 3:30pm

CARRIED – MEETING ADJOURNED

NRC Field Tours/Presentations Schedule
 Commission Tour/Presentations
 Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022
 Approx. 9:30a – 11:30a: Iowa Scholastic Clay Target Program, 6138 West Cedar Wapsi Road, Cedar Falls, IA
 Approx. 3:00p – 4:30p: Geo Wyth State Park Lodge, 3659 Wyth Rd, Waterloo, IA

Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates

- Wed, 07/13/22, 9:00am, Business Meeting; Joint Meeting; Field Tour (IA DNR State Forest Nursery, Ames, IA)
- Thu, 08/11/22, 9:30am, Business Meeting (Polk County)
- Wed, 09/07/22, 12:00pm, Business Meeting (tbd)
- Thu, 09/08/22, 9:00am, Field Tour (tbd)

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

NRC Business Meeting – Thursday, June 9, 2022

Meeting Convenes at 1:00pm
 Meeting Location: George Wyth State Park, Lodge, 3659 Wyth Rd, Waterloo, IA

Public Call-In Instructions:
 A few minutes prior to the meeting time, [call 1-877-304-9269](tel:1-877-304-9269)
 When prompted, enter [Passcode 298194](#) followed by the # key; you will then be connected to the conference call.

Public Participation begins at approximately 1:30 pm

1.	Approval of Agenda Consent Agenda (<i>*within agenda indicates proposed consent agenda item</i>) *8. Contract with Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Iowa Native Seed Growers Association *12.1. Management Agreement Renewal, Emergency Radio Communications Tower, Pikes Peak State Park – Clayton County Sheriff’s Department *12.2. Contract with Scott County Conservation Board, Land Management/Maintenance *15.1. Green Valley State Park, Boat Ramp Parking Expansion – Union County *15.2. Eldon WMA, Road Maintenance- Davis County *16. Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Decision	Commission
2.	Approve Minutes of 05/12/22 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.	Brass Bluegill Award and Special Recognition - 2022	Information	Tammie Krausman
7.	2022-2023 Deer Management Zone Hunts	Decision	Todd Bishop
*8.	Contract with Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Iowa Native Seed Growers Association	Decision	Todd Bishop
9.	Chapter 27 – Land and Water Conservation Fund, City and County Grant Recommendations (FY2022)	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
10.	Contract with Iowa Regional Utilities Association	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
11.	Contract with Mitchell County Conservation Board (Cedar River Water Trail Access Improvements)	Decision	Travis Baker
*12.	Public Land Management Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	*12.1 Management Agreement Renewal, Emergency Radio Communications Tower, Pikes Peak State Park – Clayton County Sheriff’s Department	Decision	Travis Baker
	*12.2 Contract with Scott County Conservation Board, Land Management/Maintenance	Decision	Travis Baker
13.	Public Land Acquisition Projects		
	13.1 Goshen Wildlife Management Area, Lucas County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	Travis Baker
	13.2 West Salt Creek WMA, Tama County – Ron & James Wauters	Decision	Travis Baker

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13.3	Little Sioux Wildlife Management Area, Clay County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	Travis Baker
14.	Construction – Small Projects	Information	Travis Baker
15.	Construction – Large Projects		
*15.1	Green Valley State Park, Boat Ramp Parking Expansion – Union County	Decision	Travis Baker
*15.2	Eldon WMA, Road Maintenance- Davis County	Decision	Travis Baker
15.3	Maquoketa Caves State Park, Stair Fabrication and Installation - Jackson County	Decision	Travis Baker
15.4	Ingham-High Complex, Shoreline Armoring- Emmet County	Decision	Travis Baker
15.5	Randolph Access WMA, Road Maintenance-Iowa County	Decision	Travis Baker
*16.	Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
17.	General Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non-Resident Small Game Hunting License Discussion 		
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**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:
General	\$250.00	Funds to support the General Fund in memory of John Hausafus	Donna Olmstead
Parks and Forestry	\$100.00	Funds to support Parks and Forestry in memory of John Earl Hausafus.	Karen Shirk
General	\$50.00	Funds to support the General Fund in memory of John E Hausafus	Karen Thuente
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John Hausafus	Margaret Torrie
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Funds to support Parks and Forestry in memory of John E Hausafus.	Tara Hoadley
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$65.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John Hausafus	Cheryl Hausafus
Parks and Forestry	\$55.00	Funds to support Parks and Forestry in memory of John Hausafus.	Cheryl Hausafus
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Carl Ades	Brian Svoboda
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Funds to support Parks and Forestry in memory of John E Hausafus.	Donna Hoadley
Red Haw State Park	\$50.00	Funds for reforestation after tornado	R.D. and J.M. Blass
Red Haw State Park	\$500.00	Funds for reforestation after tornado	Andrew and Naomi Friend
Red Haw State Park	\$1,500.00	Funds to support reforestation at Red Haw State Park	Scott Arnold, ITC Midwest, LLC
Stephens State Forest	\$500.00	Funds to be used at the Whitebreast Unit – Equestrian Campground	McDonough Family Trust
Lake Wapello State Park	\$14,352.00	Two concrete camping pads for the camp host sites.	Friends of Lake Wapello
Lake Wapello State Park	\$13,534.06	Two EZ Floating Kayak Launches. One is located at the main boat ramp and the other is at the Campground.	Friends of Lake Wapello
Education, Outreach and Marketing	\$200.00	Camping gear for use in Educational Programs (2-man tent, 3-sleeping bags, first aid kit and miscellaneous small gear)	Suresh Ganu
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$30.00	Funds to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Richard Kurtenbach
Lake Keomah	\$1000.00	Funds for rock at campground	William Ludwick, PCM Railroad Club

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: 06/09/22

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

Information Item

6. Brass Bluegill Award and Special Recognition - 2022

Ken Carroll, Professor, Parks and Natural Resources at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids is the 2022 Brass Bluegill recipient. Since 2008, Ken has been a *Fish Iowa!* trainer, sharing the materials with his students. He includes *Fish Iowa!* in Applications of Natural Resources, a first year, first semester class. He also trains students in *Project WILD* and *Aquatic WILD* which help them develop interpretive skills and provides content material they will use when they complete the Certified Interpretive Guide Training through the National Association of Interpretation their final semester of the program.

Kirkwood's Parks and Natural Resources students are trained in ecological restoration and interpretive skills to help them secure jobs as naturalists, park rangers, park managers and conservation officers. Many transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Carroll has trained some 450 future conservation professionals in *Fish Iowa!* and the WILD resources. According to him, "This pre-service training is invaluable as a resume builder. What we thought were soft skills of being able to communicate and lead really were a lot more important than that. These students are exposed to communication and presentation skills, and find strengths to talk about natural resources and practice those skills over and over to make an impression on a prospective employer in an interview or hit the ground running in their careers."

Students are fully immersed in the *Fish Iowa!* teaching module throughout the semester. They learn fishing knots, practice casting, create their own fish to learn about adaptations, and compete in a casting competition. Students often follow up by fishing in ponds on the Kirkwood campus.

One of Ken's students shared, "Ken is the organizer of several clubs on campus and teaches many types of classes, but I personally believe his true passion is teaching *Fish Iowa!*" Another said, "He has inspired generations of college students to get involved in fishing and teaching others."

The DNR's Aquatic Education Program success relies on local partnerships like the one we have with Mr. Carroll and Kirkwood that enable us to multiply our efforts by empowering future natural resources professionals to engage others through fishing and conservation education.

The Brass Bluegill award has been presented each year since 1996 to an outstanding local program that exemplifies the goals of the *Fish Iowa!* Angler Education program. Carroll will receive his award, along with fishing equipment to use with his classes.

Tammie Krausman, Communications, Outreach and Marketing Bureau Chief
NRC Meeting Date: June 9, 2022

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

Decision Item

7. 2022-2023 Deer Management Zone Hunts

The Commission is requested to approve the Deer Management Zone Hunts for the upcoming season as required by 571 Iowa Administrative Code 105.3. The list includes zones to be open to hunting, season dates, legal weapons, license types and quotas, and other information required by rule. Representatives for all of the cities on the list have indicated they want to be included in the list of special hunts. There will be 69 different locations, although several will have multiple hunts on them.

2022-2023 DEER MANAGEMENT ZONES							
Cancelled or new hunts, as well as quota changes from last year, are highlighted.							
Zone Name	Zone #	Season Name	Season Number	Season Dates		License Quota	Any Deer
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	900	
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	100	
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Ames (City)	2	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	75	2
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022	50	
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Backbone State Park	4	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/4/2022	200	
Bellevue State Park	5	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Bettendorf & Riverdale (City)	7	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	125	9
Bobwhite State Park - WCCB	91	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	100	
Burlington (City)	97	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	200	12
Cedar Rapids (City)	8	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	400	5
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	500	
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		

Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	750	
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Clinton (City)	9	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	75	1
Coralville (City)	10	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	200	8
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	600	
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Corydon (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	89	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023	350	30
Council Bluffs (City)	69	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/22/2023	300	6
Davenport (City)	11	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	250	15
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	500	
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023		
Denison (City)	12	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	
DeSoto NWR	13	Early Muzzle	4	12/17/2022	12/18/2022	50	
DeSoto NWR	14	Late Muzzle	7	1/7/2023	1/8/2023	50	
Dubuque (City)	16	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	225	20
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	600	
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Dubuque / Jackson / Jones (CWD Perimeter)	105	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Eldora (City)	42	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Elkader (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	87	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023	450	10
Elk Rock State Park	18	Late Muzzle	7	1/7/2023	1/8/2023	25	
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	100	
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Green Valley State Park	20	Early Muzzle	4	11/12/2022	11/13/2022	35	
Harpers Ferry (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	88	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023	300	17
Honey Creek State Park	85	Reg Gun 1	5	11/19/2022	11/20/2022	75	
Honey Creek State Park	90	Cancelled	6	1/7/2023	1/8/2023	-	-
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		

IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	1200	
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	21	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
IA Army Ammunition Plant	22	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	40	
Iowa City (City)	101	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	200	1
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	30	
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Iowa Falls (City)	24	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	80	3
Jefferson County Park	64	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	25	2
Jones County Central Park	65	Cancelled	3	-	-	-	-
Kent Park	26	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	2
Keokuk (City)	83	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	50	7
Knoxville (City)	75	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	25	
Lacey Keosauqua State Park	28	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	75	
Lake Aquahbi State Park	19	Bow	3	10/15/2022	1/10/2023	30	
Lake Darling State Park	30	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/4/2022	100	
Lake Iowa County Park	70	Bow	3	10/1/2022	12/18/2022	50	1
Lake Iowa County Park	71	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023	75	
Lake Mills (City)	86	Cancelled	-	-	-	-	-
Lake of 3 Fires	34	Reg Gun 2	6	1/7/2022	1/8/2022	40	
Lake Wapello State Park	38	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/4/2022	50	
Ledges State Park	39	Bow	3	10/1/2022	12/31/2022	40	
Maquoketa Caves	84	Bow	3	10/1/2022	12/2/2022	30	
Marshalltown (City)	78	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	60	1
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	40	
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Mason City (City)	92	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	175	10
Mount Pleasant (City)	41	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Muscatine (City)	43	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	150	5
Oskaloosa (City)	6	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	100	1
Ottumwa (City)	44	Bow	3	9/17/2022	1/10/2023	175	17
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	200	
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Pike's Peak State Park / McGregor	46	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	100	7

Pine Lake State Park	47	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	30	1
Polk/Dallas Archery Only Zone	48	Bow	3	9/17/2022*	1/22/2023*	1000	44
	61	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Polk/Dallas (Perimeter)	61	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
<i>Licenses valid within</i>	61	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
<i>Polk/Dallas deer</i>	61	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	75	
<i>management zone, outside</i>	61	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
<i>controlled/permit-only areas.</i>	61	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
	61	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Reichert Area	74	Cancelled	5	11/5/2022	11/9/2022	40	
Scott County Park	50	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Smith Wildlife Area	110	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	10	
Smith Wildlife Area	66	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022	3	
Smith Wildlife Area	67	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022	3	
Smith Wildlife Area	68	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023	3	
Springbrook State Park	51	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	20	
Stone State Park	82	Bow	3	9/17/2022	11/30/2022	75	
Wanatee Park (formerly Squaw Creek)	53	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	100	4
Waterloo/Cedar Falls Metro	56	Bow	3	10/10/2022	1/10/2023	290	14
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022	50	
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023		
Wildcat Den State Park	63	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023	50	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022	400	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	January	8	1/11/2023	1/22/2023		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Youth	1	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Disabled	2	9/17/2022	10/2/2022		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Bow	3	10/1/2022	1/10/2023		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Early Muzzle	4	10/15/2022	10/23/2022		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 1	5	12/3/2022	12/7/2022	200	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 2	6	12/10/2022	12/18/2022		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Late Muzzle	7	12/19/2022	1/10/2023		

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***8. Contract with Pheasants Forever, Inc., and Iowa Native Seed Growers Association**

Commission approval is requested for a cooperative agreement with Pheasants Forever, Inc., of St. Paul, MN and with Iowa Native Seed Growers Association of Winterset, IA.

Contract Terms

Income: Approximately \$100,000 annually

Dates: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2028

Funds Deposited to: Habitat Check-Off Fund

Contract Purpose: The purpose of entering into this Cooperative Agreement is to continue the partnership between the Iowa Native Seed Growers Association (INSGA), Pheasants Forever, Inc. (PF), and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promote the creation and enhancement of native prairie habitat in Iowa. This agreement has been in effect since 2003 and has helped to facilitate a great partnership between DNR, PF, and INSGA.

The Habitat Check-Off funds are split 50:50 between PF and DNR, and donations to the fund are made when participating INSGA dealers/growers receive Habitat Check-Off Certificates, PF Seed Orders and Vouchers, and DNR Prairie Partner's Vouchers. Income deposited into the Habitat Check-off Fund may vary depending on the number of customers who use the Habitat Check-Off Program and the amount of their purchase. Revenues during the last agreement period (2016-2022) averaged ~\$100,000 annually. PF and DNR shall make use of the Habitat Check-Off Funds for the promotion, creation, and enhancement of native prairie habitat using both seed and/or plugs on private and public lands.

The partners work together to promote the Habitat Check-Off Program and maintain the Habitat Check-Off Fund. The majority of the funds in the Habitat Check-Off Fund have been used to provide cost-share to landowners to purchase native grassland plant material including seed or plugs. The funds have also been used for advertisement of the program and promoting the use of native plant materials in conservation practices.

The goal of this cooperative agreement is to facilitate conservation work on both public and private lands throughout Iowa by using native plant material in a manner acceptable to all parties to this agreement. All parties shall:

- Work together to implement a system that provides DNR access to native plant materials for the creation and enhancement of native prairie habitat.
- Work together to continue the program PF has put in place to purchase, deliver, sell, and distribute seed through its chapter's habitat programs.
- Work collaboratively to find new ways to promote the use of native plant materials and native seed and plant industry in Iowa.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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9. Chapter 27 – Land and Water Conservation Fund, City and County Grant Recommendations (FY2022)

The Commission is requested to approve the following grant recommendations pursuant to Chapter 27, Land and Waters Conservation Fund, City and County Grant program.

Grant Purpose: The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federally funded, fifty percent cost share, grant program. The purpose of LWCF is to offer grants to Iowa’s cities and counties to assist with acquisition and development of outdoor recreation. The program is governed by program rules adopted in Chapter 27 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The scoring criteria established in Chapter 27 include:

- Relationship to SCORP priorities (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan),
- Direct recreation benefits provided,
- Local need, and
- Quality of the site.

Also, as established by rule, bonus and penalty points are awarded based on criteria such as: level of prior assistance from the LWCF, special features for the elderly and persons with disabilities; minority populations served, degree of public participation and support, recycled content material use, and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of the Interior distributes the LWCF grant funds after their budget is approved, which is usually by the fall of the year.

Grant Funding Available: For this grant cycle (Federal Fiscal Year 2022), Iowa’s apportionment for distribution has not yet been allocated. We are expecting to receive the allocation later this summer, and to be in the range of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

Summary of Selection Process: As directed by criteria under Chapter 27, the grant review and selection committee met on May 5, 2021, to evaluate and score applications and to provide recommendations for the grant awards. Chapter 27 outlines that no application shall be selected which has received a score of less than 60.

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

- Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (1)
- Iowa Parks and Recreation Association (1)
- DNR (3)

Number of Eligible Applications Received: 12

Recommendations: The Committee recommends funding the projects in the ranked order they are listed as funds are available. If a ranked project declines their award or an application is withdrawn, dollars will be offered to the next qualified applicant. Any unused funds will carry forward for use in future projects.

Rank	Score	Grant Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Award
1	79	Story County Conservation Board	Deppe Family Conservation Area	\$405,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
This project acquires and permanently protects 127 acres of undeveloped land three miles northeast of the City of Ames. The property will be named the Deppe Family Conservation Area. Story County Conservation has developed a Concept Plan for the property which identifies the following main goals: 1) increase the						

	adjoining McFarland Park buffer from development, 2) increase Iowa native plant and animal habitat, 3) provide outdoor recreation, and 4) compliment the features of McFarland Park.					
2	78.4	Des Moines County Conservation Board	Big Hollow Park Accessibility Improvements	\$299,228	\$149,614	\$149,614
	This project will add 18 new RV campsites next to the existing RV campground. It will also pave a fishing jetty (currently gravel surface), install sidewalks at the beach and to an existing kayak launch dock, replacing soft, natural surfaces and stairs with accessible paved routes.					
3	75.3	City of Des Moines	Stone Park Pickleball & Basketball Courts	\$547,271	\$200,000	\$200,000
	The City of Des Moines intends to revitalize the existing 13 acre Stone Park, which is commonly referred to as underdeveloped in a predominantly low-income neighborhood. Currently, Stone Park has an indoor recreation center, but lacks outdoor amenities. The City of Des Moines is seeking a LWCF grant to install pickleball courts, repair the existing basketball court, and add the necessary lighting.					
4	75.2	City of Winterset	Winterset All-Inclusive Playground	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	On approximately a quarter-acre site, an existing unsafe playground will be removed and replaced with a professionally designed all-inclusive playground. The \$1 million project will include play features, safety surfacing, drainage, signage, and a concrete access path. LWCF will be used to purchase playground equipment, perform surface excavation, install flat-work, and install materials.					
5	72.6	City of Tipton	4 th St. Plaza Pocket Park	\$240,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
	The City of Tipton is looking to construct a pocket park in its downtown area, at the corner of Hwy 38/4th Street. The reinvention of this vacant plot will help enhance our downtown area, increase outdoor recreation opportunities, and act as a social gathering space for the community and visitors alike. It will be equipped with an accessible splash pad, sheltered seating, and bathroom facilities.					
6	72.2	City of Laurens	Laurens Pool	\$2,492,620	\$75,000	\$75,000
	This project will construct a new 3,083 square foot concrete swimming pool at a local city park with a zero-depth entry, swimming lanes, diving tower, pool stairs for accessibility, and a new bathhouse and concession stand. The pool will be located in a city park near other City amenities and will be used for general swimming, swim team practices and meets, and adult swimming time.					
7	71.6	City of Cherokee	Cherokee Skatepark Project	\$267,160	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Construction of a 125' x 35' concrete skate/scooter/BMX bike park located on city-owned land along E. Main St. (Hwy. 977) in the City of Cherokee Iowa. LWCF funds will be toward the construction materials and labor costs.					
8	71.2	City of Bondurant	Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex Trail Connection	\$216,550	\$100,000	\$100,000
	The City of Bondurant will install a 10'-wide trail starting at the north park boundary of the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex then heading south through the park to connect to the existing paved trail around Lake Petocka. A separate project not part of the LWCF application will include installation of a trail crossing over Santiago Creek linking the neighborhoods to the park amenities.					
9	70.8	City of Farragut	Farragut Admiral Trail	\$566,310	\$50,000	\$50,000
	This project features the construction/rehabilitation of a 135' bridge on the Farragut Admiral Trail that would provide safe access over Fisher Creek on the trail corridor from Highway 2 to Farragut.					
10	69.8	Boone County Conservation Board	High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park, Division 1B	\$660,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
	This application is for Division 1B of the paved trail, which is 1.2 miles entirely within Swede Point Park. The trail will travel along the east and north sides of the park and through the western portion to connect to the park road. From the southeast end of the park, the trail will connect to Division 1A, which will be constructed in 2022 and complete the connection to the High Trestle Trail.					

11	69.8	City of Dubuque	Chaplain Schmitt Island Trail Extension Project	\$443,516	\$175,000	\$175,000
This project provides for building a 1,685 linear foot, 10 feet wide, multi-use trail extension that will promote the flow of visitors to the McAleece Park & Recreation Complex, and other outdoor recreation areas on Chaplain Schmitt Island, providing bicyclist and pedestrians with an ADA compliant, off-road, multi-use trail on the island's south side where none exists currently.						
12	69.6	City of Washington	Wellness Park Soccer Field Improvement Project	\$207,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Install lights for the full-sized soccer field and construct a restroom and concession stand building.						

Sherry Arntzen, State Parks Bureau Chief
 Conservation and Recreation Division
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10. Contract with Iowa Regional Utilities Association

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Iowa Regional Utilities Association, of Grundy Center, IA.

Contract Terms

Amount: \$193,873

Dates: June 13, 2022 to December 30, 2022

Funding Source(s): Parks Infrastructure Fund

Contract Purpose: Rock Creek State Park in Jasper County is a premier camping destination in central Iowa, offering a variety of outdoor activities, including boating and paddling, year-round fishing, hiking, and horseback riding. Nearly 200 campsites comprise the park's beautiful campground, featuring both electric and non-electric sites, with several sites available on the water's edge or in wooded areas, and a modern restroom and shower building.

Currently, the Park utilizes a water cistern which is filled up using a ¾ inch water line coming into the Park. The cistern stores water during the week so there is water available and adequate pressure for the campground and park-wide use over the weekends. After the weekend depletion, the cistern then fills up again during the week. As usage increases, this is not ideal because the water cistern will not be able to hold enough water to meet the use levels at the park.

Also, the existing water cistern, approximately 55 years old, is in need of replacement due to its age and condition. Instead of replacing the cistern, this project will remove it from the water distribution system and instead have the water provider install a larger 6-inch water line coming into the park and a 2-inch water meter and pit. By installing adequate water supply lines, this will eliminate the need to shut down the campground and other uses at the park which would need to occur if we replaced the cistern. The increase in the line coming into the park will provide enough water flow and pressure to meet the park needs while also alleviating the long-term maintenance and certification requirements of maintaining a water cistern system.

Tasks for this contract include:

- Install approximately 8,300 feet of 6-inch water main coming into the park and a new 2-inch water meter and pit in the park.
- Connect 6-inch water main to an existing 2-inch water system in the park

Selection Process Summary: The Department utilized a sole source agreement with Iowa Regional Utility Association. The sole source agreement is needed because they are the water service provider for the park, they own the infrastructure, and they are the only provider in the area. Iowa law prevents multiple water supply utilities in a given area. The vendor's price quote was determined reasonable by comparing it to similar prior construction projects that were competitively bid.

Sherry Arntzen, State Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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11. Contract with Mitchell County Conservation Board (Cedar River Water Trail Access Improvements)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Mitchell County Conservation Board (MCCB) of Osage, IA.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$120,000

Dates: June 13, 2022 to June 30, 2024

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

Background: During the recent water trail planning process, public input and the water trail steering committee (consisting of local citizens and public officials) identified Bennett, Spring Park, and T38 as high priority areas for improved river access and parking. All three access areas have no formal launches, just uneven (sometimes steep) natural paths down to the river's edge. Crushed limestone is used at T-38, but it's costly and maintenance intensive due to high water events washing the gravel downstream each year. Additionally, the river segment from Bennett to Spring Park has been identified as the most popular stretch on the Cedar in Mitchell County due to its scenic quality and close proximity to Osage, the largest city in the county.



The County Conservation Board, City of Osage, and the steering committee determined that the segment from Bennett to Spring Park was the best candidate for "Gateway" access treatment. The DNR agrees. Gateway accesses mean they will incorporate "universal design" to allow for multiple uses of the river (i.e. motorized, non-motorized, and angling) for all, especially for those with limited mobility, the elderly, and families with children. Concept designs with renderings and cost estimates were completed as a step in the water trail planning process in order to assist with fundraising and grant writing.

Contract Purpose: The purpose of this two year cooperative agreement is to work with MCCB to retain a consultant to provide engineering services for three river accesses (Bennett, Spring Park, and T-38) located on the Cedar River in Mitchell County, and construct a hard surface boat ramp at T-38 Access. Engineering services for this project include completed designs and construction documents, permitting, and bid letting for all three projects. Bidding, construction, and oversight of the boat ramp at T-38 will be managed by MCCB.

Budget:

DNR Contribution (65%):	Not to exceed \$120,000.00
MCCB Contribution (35%):	Not to exceed \$ 42,340.00
Total Cost:	Not to exceed \$162,340.00

Anticipated Future Work: Future work will include fundraising and construction of accesses and parking at Bennett and Spring Park, and parking only at T-38 (access construction at T-38 is included in this agreement).

Selection Process Summary: This contract is authorized by 11 Iowa Administrative Code section 118.4.

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***12. Public Land Management Projects**

***12.1 Agreement Renewal, Emergency Radio Communications Tower, Pikes Peak State Park – Clayton County Sheriff's Department**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a renewal of the management agreement with the Clayton County Sheriff's Department for the Emergency Radio Communications Tower located within Pikes Peak State Park.

Location: The area is 1.5 miles south of McGregor in Clayton County.

Site Purpose: This renewal allows the Clayton County Sheriff's Department to manage, care for, and maintain the emergency radio communications tower located within Pikes Peak State Park.

Management History: The original Management Agreement was approved in 1998.

Management Agreement Term: The term of this Agreement with the Clayton County Sheriff's Department is 25 years.

***12.2 Contract with Scott County Conservation Board, Land Management/Maintenance**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Scott County Conservation Board.

Contract Terms

Amount: not to exceed \$30,000 per year

Dates: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027

Funding Source(s): Fish & Wildlife Trust 69%, Marine Fuel Tax 31%

Contract Purpose: Lost Grove Lake in Scott County, Iowa, contains public access areas with trails, jetties, fishing parallel structures, restroom facilities, boat ramps, and parking lots. Maintenance is required to keep the area safe and usable for the public. Scott County Conservation Board (Scott CCB) has multiple maintenance staff and the equipment available at nearby Scott County Park to maintain Lost Grove Lake and react to maintenance issues more quickly than DNR staff, who are not located in the area. Scott CCB is also able to maintain a regular presence at Lost Grove Lake which helps deter issues such as vandalism. Scott CCB has been conducting maintenance at Lost Grove Lake under annual agreements since 2016.

Tasks in this agreement include: mowing and trimming grassy areas and along structures; trimming weeds and woody debris from jetties and structures and applying aquatic-safe herbicide as needed; dragging trails, jetties, and structures after significant rainfall events; spreading limestone gravel; trash removal; clean and sanitize pit vault toilets; and snow removal.

Scott CCB's partnership, coordination, and cooperation have been an asset to the care of the lake area. Scott County Conservation Board officially and unanimously approve the above maintenance contract for Lost Grove Lake at their regular meeting on May 11, 2022.

Selection Process Summary: Intergovernmental contracting is authorized under 11 IAC 118.7.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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13. Public Land Acquisition Projects

13.1 Goshen Wildlife Management Area, Lucas County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

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

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 104 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$312,000

Appraised Price: \$403,000

Property Description: This irregular-shaped property is located five miles south of Lucas in southwestern Lucas County. The steep to near level tract lies within an upslope from the Chariton River floodplain. Land use includes 20 acres of cropland in one, irregular-shaped field, 78 acres of grassland and timber, and 6 acres of road right of way. There are no building improvements. Highway 65 provides public access along the entire east boundary of the property. A county gravel road provides additional access along the entire south side of the tract.

Purpose: This acquisition will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The addition also improves access to the Goshen area located on the south side of the Chariton River.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$234,000 Federal Pittman-Robertson, \$70,000 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$5,000 Lucas County Chapter Pheasants Forever, \$3,000 Monroe County Chapter Pheasants Forever

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

13.2 West Salt Creek WMA, Tama County – Ron & James Wauters

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a tract of land located in Tama County near West Salt Creek WMA.

Donor: Ron Wauters & James Wauters

Acreage: 4.6

Property Description: This property is located adjacent West Salt Creek WMA in Tama County. The heavily-wooded tract is located adjacent-north of the wildlife area. Wolf Creek runs through the property to Salt Creek which eventually empties into the Iowa River within the Iowa River Corridor Complex. The parcel consists of former railroad line and depot right-of-way.

Purpose: Local managers intend manage the wooded tract in the same manner as the remainder of the area. The tract will provide public hunting access as well as other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

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

13.3 Little Sioux Wildlife Management Area, Clay County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

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

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 146.9 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$765,000

Appraised Price: \$945,000

Property Description: This property is located less than one mile northwest of Gillett Grove in southeastern Clay County. The irregular-shaped tract is level to gently sloping, reflecting primarily Little Sioux River floodplain. There are 32.52 are enrolled in CRP. The tract is bisected from north to south by the Little Sioux River. There are no building improvements. Access is provided by a paved county road along the south boundary.

Purpose: This acquisition will provide for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities, and allowing for management of healthy riverine and upland forest ecosystems, while also improving access to the greater Little Sioux unit.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source: Federal Pittman Robertson

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

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief

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14. Construction - Small Projects

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

Bid Date	Project No.	Location	County	Summary	Cost Estimate	Bids
5/12/22	20-03-12-04 Wildlife	Big Marsh WMA	Butler	Replace a water control structure.	\$19,000	\$22,462.00 \$24,299.94 \$36,375.00 \$54,365.00 \$66,900.00 \$93,733.75

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
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15. Construction Projects

***15.1 Green Valley State Park, Boat Ramp Parking Expansion – Union County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Opened in 1952, Green Valley State Park encompasses more than 1,100 acres, including a 390-acre lake. Existing facilities include a lakeshore campground with modern facilities, lakeshore camper cabins, fishing jetties, 10-mile trail, three boat ramps, and a beach.

The existing parking lot at Green Valley’s main boat ramp parking lot consists of both asphalt and concrete surfacing in the main lot and a grass overflow parking lot. This project will replace approximately 2,500 square yards of grass parking with 450 tons of crushed stone.



Engineering Project #: 22-04-88-05

Cost Estimate: \$56,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: Marine Fuel Tax

Bid Letting Date: 5/12/2022

Construction Completion Date: 10/22/2022

Number of Bids Received: 3

Bidders

TEK Builder, LLC	Mt. Ayr, IA	\$49,460.00
JNC Construction, LLC	Clearfield, IA	\$50,286.50
Armodus, LLC	Mondamin, IA	\$58,445.00

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

***15.2 Eldon WMA, Road Maintenance- Davis County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Eldon Wildlife Management Area is located approximately four miles east of Floris, Iowa. This 1,290-acre area is comprised of timber and upland habitat that supports deer, turkey, and squirrels.

This project consists of 0.4 miles of granular road way maintenance, consisting of reestablishing the roadway crown, cleaning out ditches, and spreading 570 tons of new rock. Additionally, two 18-inch diameter culverts will be replaced and two rock check dams will be constructed.



Engineering Project #: 20-05-26-04
Cost Estimate: \$83,000
Operating Bureau: Wildlife
Funding Source: Parks and Institutional Road Fund
Bid Letting Date: 5/12/2022
Construction Completion Date: 10/31/2022
Number of Bids Received: 4

Bidders

Boyle Built Enterprises, LLC	Selma IA	\$67,731.98
Cole Construction Co, INC	Keosauqua IA	\$71,435.20
Dirty 30 Excavating and Trucking LLC	Des Moines IA	\$75,754.00
Leffler Dirtworks LLC	Oskaloosa IA	\$98,727.00

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

15.3 Maquoketa Caves State Park, Stair Fabrication and Installation - 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 stair structures at Middle Dance Hall Cave and at Twin Arches Trail were constructed in the late 1980’s. The structures have sustained damage over the years due to fallen trees as well as typical wear and tear. Both structures need replacement. The contractor will demolish the existing stairs at both locations and install new stairs: pre-fabricated steel stairs will be installed at Middle Dance Hall Cave and, at Twin Arches Trail, C channel and angle steel stairs will be attached to the existing rebar foundation system and new 2x6 treated lumber will be installed over the steel treads as the walking surface.



Engineering Project #: 21-06-49-04
Cost Estimate: \$190,000.00
Operating Bureau: Parks
Funding Source: Executive Council 75%, REAP Land Management 25%
Bid Letting Date: 05/12/2022
Construction Completion Date: 12/31/2022
Number of Bids Received: 1

Bidders

Miller Trucking and Excavating	Silvis, IL	\$154,000.00
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Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Miller Trucking and Excavating.

15.4 Ingham-High Complex, Shoreline Armoring- Emmet County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Ingham-High Complex Wildlife Area is located approximately five miles east of Wallingford. This 3,209-acre area is comprised of lake, marsh, timber, and upland habitat that supports deer, squirrel, pheasant, waterfowl, rabbit, and dove.

A 4,000-foot section of roadway runs right beside Ingham lake on the north and west side. The shoreline has been slowly eroding throughout years of wave action and is incurring detrimental erosion in several areas. After selective tree clearing and minor bank shaping, 3,630 tons of natural fieldstone will be placed along the shoreline on the western side of the lake.

Engineering Project #: 19-01-32-02
Cost Estimate: \$270,000
Operating Bureau: Wildlife
Funding Source: Parks and Institutional Road Fund
Bid Letting Date: 5/12/2022
Construction Completion Date: 5/15/2023
Number of Bids Received: 2



Bidders

B & B Farm Drainage Inc	Wallingford IA	\$332,770.00
BD Construction Services LLC	Spencer IA	\$475,670.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to B & B Farm Drainage Inc.

15.5 Randolph Access WMA, Road Maintenance-Iowa County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Randolph Wildlife Area is located approximately five miles southeast of Belle Plaine on Highway 212. This 405-acre area is comprised of timber and upland habitat that supports deer, squirrel, pheasant, and turkey.

This project consists of 0.8 miles of granular roadway maintenance, consisting of reestablishing the roadway crown, cleaning out ditches, and spreading 968 tons of new rock. Additionally, a 36” diameter culvert will be replaced.

Engineering Project #: 20-05-48-01
Cost Estimate: \$132,000
Operating Bureau: Wildlife
Funding Source: Parks and Institutional Road Fund
Bid Letting Date: 5/12/2022
Construction Completion Date: 10/31/2022
Number of Bids Received: 5



Bidders

Brian Miller Excavating, LLC	Marengo, IA	\$142,166.37
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H&H Construction & Development, LLC	Miles, IA	\$142,284.00
David Ryan Construction	Decorah, IA	\$144,080.00
Miller Trucking & Excavating Co.	Silvis, IL	\$153,758.00
Leffler Dirtworks, LCC	Oskaloosa, IA	\$167,204.00

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

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: 06/09/2022

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

Decision Item (*indicates proposed consent)

***16. Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Trees JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Wahoo, NE.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$64,980

Dates: June 13, 2022 to May 31, 2023

Funding Source(s): Woodland Health Initiative

Contract Purpose: To assist 18 Iowa communities with planning and managing their urban tree resources, development of response to the presence of Emerald Ash Borer and other tree pests and problems. As a part of the project each eastern Iowa community included in the contract will receive an inventory of street and park trees, a visual survey of forest health symptoms, a summary of benefits those trees, and an urban forest management plan. Tasks include:

- Inventory street and park trees in identified communities. Collect data for each tree that includes all require categories for data collection, i.e., GPS derived locations for each tree and data elements for each tree.
- Visually survey all trees for signs and symptoms of invasive pest and disease in the identified communities, return data to DNR in shapefile format via e-mail.
- Calculate the benefit of the street and park trees using the most current version of i-Tree and create maps of the trees for each urban forest management plan.
- Finalize urban forest management plans for the identified communities and submit plans to DNR for approval.
- Presentation of the urban forest management plans to each community.

Communities include: Anamosa, Cumming, Early, Ely, Fenton, Harcourt, Monona, New Hampton, Preston, Primghar, Riverdale, Rolfe, Spillville, St. Ansgar, University Heights, Villisca, Wapello, and Winterset.

This process was done annually since 2012 for 173 other communities in total. These inventories and plans have aided communities with current information to make tree care and budget decisions. The data collected in these have help prioritize removal and treatment of ash trees as well as monitored for pests like walnut twig beetle that is necessary for Iowa to continue international sale of wood products.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from 198 in-state arborists and national tree inventory companies. Proposals were scored based on the criteria as described in the RFP which included cost of service and experience conducting street tree inventories and writing urban forestry management plans which includes work plan, past work projects, capacity of respondent and mechanism for GIS collection.

Date Proposals Received: May 11, 2022

of Proposals Received: 2

Recommendation: JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Score (120 pts total)	Rank	Cost
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Wahoo, NE	112.33	1	\$64,980
ArborPro, Inc.	Yorba Linda, CA	74.94	2	\$167,490

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester, Forestry Section
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: June 9, 2022