

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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Wednesday, January 10, 2024

10:00 AM – NRC Business Meeting

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2.	Approval of the Minutes	Decision	Commission
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4.	Division Administrator's Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
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*6.	Contract with Buffalo Creek Land Management, LLC	Decision	Todd Bishop
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8.4	Ledges State Park, Boat Ramp Loop Road-Boone County	Decision	Travis Baker
9.	Land Acquisition-White Horse Access Wildlife Management Area, Sac County-Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	Travis Baker
*10.	Contract with Nick Jones Earthmoving	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
11.	General Discussion		

Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates

- Thursday, February 8, 2024, Wallace Building
- Thursday, March 14, 2024, Wallace Building

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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

December 14, 2023

**Video Teleconference
and
Wallace State Office Building**

Approved by the Commission **TBD**

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Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission (Commission or NRC) was called to order by Chairperson Marcus Branstad at 9:30am on December 14, 2023, via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees. General Counsel, Tamara McIntosh, stated for the record that the requirements of Iowa Code section 21.8 were met for the NRC meeting to take place virtually due to the brevity of the agenda.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Laura Foell (virtual)
- Uriah Hansen (virtual; 9:30am-10:30am)
- Tammi Kircher (virtual)
- Tom Prickett (virtual)
- KR Buck
- Marcus Branstad (virtual)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Richmond from Indianola presented a butterfly art sculpture proposal, requesting ideas for development location and funding opportunities for the project.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following agenda items:

- Donations
- Public Land Management Projects (10.1-10.4)
- Wood Duck Marsh Wildlife Management Area, Winnebago County-Skogen

Motion was made by Laura Foell to remove items 10.5 and 10.6 from the Consent agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Tom Prickett.

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

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the November 9, 2023 NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

DIRECTOR’S REMARKS

- Director Lyon shared with the Commissioners that the Department will not be proposing legislation during the 2024 Legislative session.
- Director Lyon gave a brief update regarding the office move, highlighting staff work digitizing documents and preparing for the move.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth started his remarks by providing an update on the 2023 hunting seasons, noting that nearly 80,000 deer have been harvested to date. Mr. Hildreth also provided a hunting incident recap as well as hunting safety reminders.
- Mr. Hildreth gave an extensive ice safety overview as we head into the ice fishing season.
- Mr. Hildreth encouraged attendees to attend one of the First Day Hikes at one of Iowa’s State Parks. He also mentioned that 2024 is the year the Ledges State Park will celebrate their 100th anniversary.
- Mr. Hildreth finalized his remarks by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.

Kathryne Clark requested Commission approval for a contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

2023-2024 ADDITIONAL DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE HUNTS

Todd Bishop requested Commission approval of additional zone management hunts for the 2023-2024 deer season. Mr. Bishop clarified a few incorrect dates listed on the agenda brief.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED

28E AGREEMENT WITH IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Seth Moore requested Commission approval for a 28E agreement with Iowa Economic Development Authority to define mitigation efforts to resolve adverse effects of demolishing the buildings at Springbrook Conservation Education Center. Mr. Moore responded to several clarifying questions regarding the contract, including demolition costs, mitigation construction costs, and reasons for demolition, among others.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were two nay votes: KR Buck-nay, Uriah Hansen-nay. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH AGRI-VALLEY FARM MANAGEMENT

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a land management agreement with Agri-Valley.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH AGRI-MANAGEMENT FARM SERVICES DBA GROWTHLAND

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a land management agreement with Agri-Management Farm Services.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION-SHIMEK STATE FOREST, LEE COUNTY-ANDERSON

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to accept the donation of a tract of land located in Lee County at Shimek State Forest.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION-BIG WALL LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, WRIGHT COUNTY-HOWELL AND WIEKIERAK

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to accept the donation of a tract of land located in Wright County near Big Wall Lake Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION-GREEN ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, JACKSON COUNTY-CLAUSEN

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Jackson County adjacent Green Island Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION-LAKE GEORGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, HANCOCK COUNTY-HELGELAND

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to accept the donation of a tract of land located in Hancock County within Lake George Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments – None
Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Laura Kudej to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.
The Chairperson asked for a roll call vote. Tammi Kircher-aye, KR Buck-aye, Laura Foell-aye, Uriah Hansen-absent, Tom Prickett-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION-MT. TALBOT STATE PRESERVE, PLYMOUTH COUNTY-WILLIAM HUSER

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Plymouth County in Mt. Talbot State Preserve.

Public Comments – None
Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.
The Chairperson asked for a roll call vote. Tammi Kircher-aye, KR Buck-aye, Laura Foell-nay, Uriah Hansen-absent, Tom Prickett-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION-PERKINS MARSH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, PALO ALTO COUNTY-IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Palo Alto County adjacent Perkins Marsh Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Baker responded to questions regarding the property value and land purchase purpose.

Public Comments – None
Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Laura Kudej to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.
The Chairperson asked for a roll call vote. Tammi Kircher-aye, KR Buck-aye, Laura Foell-nay, Uriah Hansen-absent, Tom Prickett-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION-HAYDEN PRAIRIE, HOWARD COUNTY-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to accept the donation of a tract of land located in Howard County near Hayden Prairie.

Public Comments – None
Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Laura Kudej to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.
The Chairperson asked for a roll call vote. Tammi Kircher-aye, KR Buck-aye, Laura Foell-aye, Uriah Hansen-absent, Tom Prickett-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION-McINTOSH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, CERRO GORDO COUNTY-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to accept the donation of a tract of land located in in Cerro Gordo County adjacent to McIntosh Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments – None
Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Each Commissioner shared a recap of their Fall activities and upcoming family events. Commissioner Foell requested information on how licensed Game breeders receive updated information and proactive communication regarding the Avian Bird Flu status in Iowa. Commissioner Foell also asked questions about demographic usage tracking for Iowa’s State Parks and trails. Commissioner Kudej thanked Department staff for the information she heard at a recent CWD program, and Commissioner Buck mentioned that he spoke with Mike Hawkins, Fisheries Biologist, and requested a carp presentation during an upcoming NRC meeting.

ADJOURN

The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 11:06 am on December 14, 2023.

ADJOURNED

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

Decision Item

***Item #5** (**indicates proposed consent item*)

Donations

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$4,105.32	Donation of 750 catchable-sized Rainbow Trout utilized for fall fishing opportunities that were stocked into RAPP Park Lakes (Page Co.) by DNR staff.	Adam Bean, Optimal Aquafeed, LLC
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$1,368.44	Donation of 250 catchable-sized Rainbow Trout utilized for fall fishing opportunities that were stocked into Atlantic Quarry Pond Lakes (Cass Co.) by DNR staff.	Adam Bean, Optimal Aquafeed, LLC
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$1,915.81	Donation of 350 catchable-sized Rainbow Trout utilized for fall fishing opportunities that were stocked into RAPP Park Lakes (Page and Cass Cos.) by DNR staff.	Adam Bean, Optimal Aquafeed, LLC
Lake Darling State Park	\$5,000.00	Donation to the Cottonwood Pavilion Concrete Jacking project.	Friends of Lake Darling
Lake Macbride State Park	\$200.00	Donation for improvements at Lake Macbride State Park.	Anonymous
Lake Macbride State Park	\$170.00	Donation for improvements at Lake Macbride State Park.	Anonymous
Lake Macbride State Park	\$200.00	Donation for improvements at Lake Macbride State Park.	Dan Kramer
Lake Macbride State Park	\$20.00	Donation for improvements at Lake Macbride State Park.	Anonymous
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Jeff Mathiasen.	Jill Bierlein
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of George J. Casbon.	Alicia Casbon
Parks and Forestry Fund	\$20.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in honor of Grace Meadows.	Evelyn Kammeyer
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$500.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Janice Kerkove
Parks and Forestry Fund	\$500.00	Donation to support the Parks and Forestry Fund.	Janice Kerkove
Wildlife Diversity Program	\$250.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity Program.	Janice Kerkove

Wildlife Diversity Program	\$250.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity Program.	Elizabeth Partridge Blessington
Parks and Forestry Fund	\$100.00	Donation to support the Parks and Forestry Fund.	Scott and Kathleen Larson

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: January 10, 2024

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

Decision Item (*indicates proposed consent)

***6. Contract with Buffalo Creek Land Management, LLC**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Buffalo Creek Land Management, LLC of Forest City, IA.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$33,750.00

Dates: 1/10/2024 to 6/1/2024

Funding Source(s): State Wildlife Grant - Blanding's Turtle Conservation in Iowa and Illinois

Contract Purpose: This six-month contract with Buffalo Creek Land Management, LLC will allow for the completion of the land management activities described in the Wildlife Management Plan.

Property Description: Charles and Kent Scheib own a 90-acre and 12-acre property, respectively, in Guthrie County, Iowa. The properties are under State Wildlife Grant - Blanding's Turtle Conservation in Iowa and Illinois agreements and will be allowing for the development of Blanding's Turtle habitat and will maintain the improvements until 12/1/2033.

Land Management Tasks: The Wildlife Management Plan outlines the land management tasks, which include tree removal and brush management. The DNR will assist the contractor with land management planning, provide technical assistance, and evaluate the completion of the land management tasks.

Selection Process Summary: The authority to enter into this Contract is 483A.3B(3)b. The RFB process was conducted with DNR procurement.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: January 10, 2024

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

Decision Item

7. Contract with MSA Professional Services, Inc. (Lake Keomah Spillway Investigation)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with MSA Professional Services, Inc., of St. Paul, MN.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$27,300.00

Dates: January 10, 2024 to October 30, 2025

Funding Source(s): Lake Restoration Program

Contract Background: The Lake Keomah dam is an 1100 foot long and 42 foot high earth embankment dam with a 60 foot wide reinforced concrete chute spillway. The Iowa DNR owns and operates the Lake Keomah dam facility, which has a water surface area of approximately 78 acres and volume of 725 acre-ft.

The Lake Keomah dam was built in the 1930s by CCC. The dam was originally designed by the National Park Service for the DNR. In 1965/66 the entire spillway was rebuilt. In 1992 more repairs to the spillway were performed. At this time a new drainage system under the chute spillway was installed. The replacement of 240 feet of the east wall and 210 feet of the west wall were also completed in 1992.

The DNR is concerned that the walls of the spillway were tipping inward and show some movement. In addition, there is deteriorated concrete in the floor and base of walls, stress cracks, and separated joints.

Contract Purpose: The DNR is entering into this Contract with MSA Professional Services, Inc., an engineering consulting company, to conduct in-depth condition assessment of the spillway and come up with a report that identifies probable causes of spillway failures and recommendations for rehabilitation. The engineering firm will also be responsible for developing design plans and specifications based on the findings for the spillway rehabilitation.

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

Proposal Due Date: 12/4/2023

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

Proposals Received: 4

Recommendation: MSA Professional Services, Inc.

Consultant	Location (City, State)	Total Score (100 pts)
MSA Professional Services	St. Paul, MN	77
Shive Hattery	West Des Moines, IA	67
Collins Engineers	Milwaukee, WI	62
Houston Engineering	Des Moines, IA	43

Travis Baker, Engineering, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: January 10, 2024

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

#8

Decision Item

Construction Item

8.1 Wildcat Den State Park, Pavement Maintenance - Muscatine County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Wildcat Den State Park is located near the Mississippi River between Davenport and Muscatine, and was dedicated in 1935. Park amenities include an historical nineteenth century grist mill, an historic one-room schoolhouse, a 28-site primitive campground, two picnic shelters, various picnic areas, and diverse hiking trails.

This project consists of performing asphalt pavement maintenance on all roads within the park (approx. 1.6 miles). Maintenance activities include crack and joint repairs, minor pavement patching, fog sealing, replacing lost shoulder rock, cleaning out culverts, and reshaping ditches.



Engineering Project #: 22-06-70-02

Cost Estimate: \$197,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: Park and Intuitional Roads Fund

Bid Letting Date: 12/7/2023

Construction Completion Date: 08/30/2024

Number of Bids Received: 4

Bidders

Langman Construction, Inc.	Rock Island, IL	\$125,789.76
Manatts, Inc.	Brooklyn, IA	\$142,813.50
Brandt Construction Co.	Milan, IL	\$167,944.00
Connolly Excavating, Inc.	Cascade, IA	\$221,966.60

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

8.2 Okoboji View Wetland Complex, Wetland Reconstruction – Dickinson County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Linda K. Phelps Revocable Trust Tract is a 78-acre Waterfowl Protection Area located within the Okoboji View Wetland Complex. The protection and restoration of this property continues efforts which began in 2009. The project is a partnership between the DNR, Iowa Heritage Foundation (INHF), Dickinson County Soil and Water Conservation District, Okoboji View Golf Course, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. EPA – Section 319 and private landowners.

This project is designed to restore/enhance two separate wetland pools on the Phelps tract and IDNR permanent

easement on the adjacent golf course. The first and larger basin will be restored by building a 6,500 ft long berm with a water control structure and emergency spillway. The second will be enhanced by breaking existing tile and performing a shallow water excavation to remove deposited sediment and deepen the basin for bio diversity. Tile investigations, tile breaks, tile installation, and erosion control items will also be a part of this contract.



Engineering Project #: 24-01-30-05

Cost Estimate: \$85,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: \$50,000 NAWCA, \$35,000 INHF Agreement

Bid Letting Date: 11/30/2023

Construction Completion Date: 06/30/2024

Number of Bids Received: 4

Bidders

L. Thies LLC, dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt, IA	\$ 71,257.00
John Healy, dba Healy Excavating	Lake View, IA	\$ 76,483.00
Mitchell & Huss Excavation	George, IA	\$ 84,420.00
Able Drainage & Excavating	Greenville, IA	\$114,805.90

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to L. Thies LLC, dba Empire Excavation.

8.3 DNR Fairgrounds Building, Archery Building and Courtyard Improvements – Polk County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The DNR Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds has been a marquee destination for fair goers since it opened almost a century ago. The DNR believes the Iowa State Fair is an opportunity to showcase its mission and achievements to the citizens of Iowa during this time. This year, the DNR is proposing a few improvements to make the DNR experience more authentic.

Current operations at the Fair have temporary facilities for the air rifle and archery demonstrations. This project will construct a 20' x 56' building to provide a permanent venue for this activity, making it safer, easier to access, and more enjoyable for everyone. The DNR stage will be replaced with a new stage located in the southwest corner of the courtyard. This move will provide accessibility to all and will also reduce noise from adjacent activities at the fair. The courtyard will also be renovated for better circulation with permeable pavers and native plantings.

Engineering Project #: 24-05-77-01

Cost Estimate: \$610,000.00

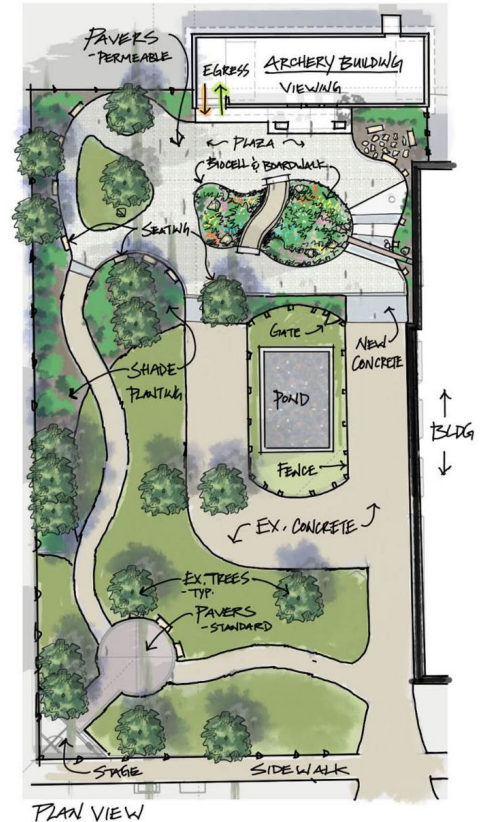
Operating Bureau: Director's Office / COMS

Funding Source: 49% 319 Grant – 51% Special Appropriation

Bid Letting Date: 12/07/2023

Construction Completion Date: 07/15/2024

Number of Bids Received: 1



Bidders

Eick and Day Construction LLC

Johnston, IA

\$735,852.83

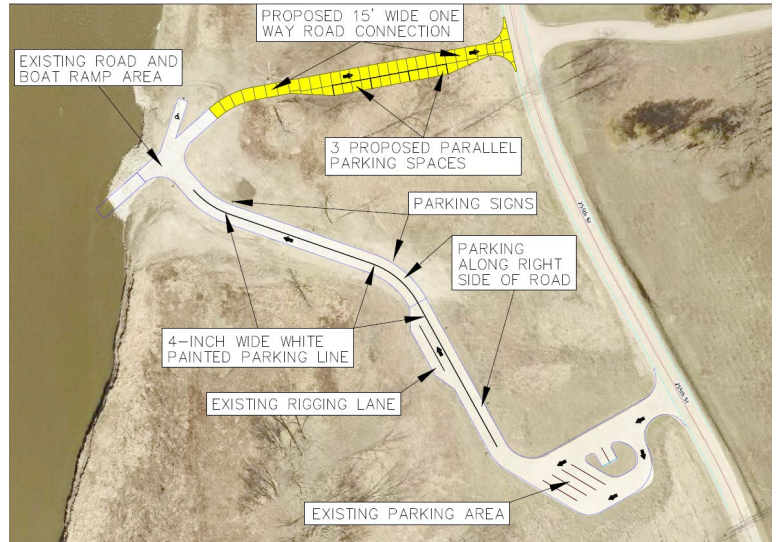
Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Eick and Day Construction LLC.

8.4 Ledges State Park, Boat Ramp Loop Road - Boone County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Ledges State Park is located just south of Boone, and was dedicated in 1924. Amenities within the park include a campground, numerous picnic areas, trails, and fishing and canoeing opportunities. It is also part of the 91-mile Central State Park Bike Route.

This project will pave a new one-way road connection from the existing boat ramp back to the main road. Road construction will now create a one-way loop road with parking along the right side of the loop road. This design will improve traffic flow and add parallel parking opportunities at this ramp location.



Engineering Project #: 23-02-08-02

Cost Estimate: \$130,000.00

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: Marine Fuel Tax 100%

Plans Issue Date: 11/15/2023

Construction Completion Date: 10/30/2024

Number of Bids Received: 15

Bidders

Elder Corporation	Des Moines, IA	\$105,199.95
TK Concrete, Inc.	Pella, IA	\$112,860.00
Berkley Homebuilders Inc dba Concrete Professional	Altoona, IA	\$116,161.40
Omega Solutions	Johnston, IA	\$118,200.00
Concrete Technologies, Inc.	Grimes, IA	\$118,814.85
Holzworth Concrete	West Des Moines, IA	\$123,840.00
Absolute Concrete Construction dba Absolute Group	Granger, IA	\$129,384.25
Edge Commercial	Grimes, IA	\$129,957.38
Keller Excavating, Inc.	Boone, IA	\$136,279.00
AA Concrete, LLC	Marshalltown, IA	\$136,282.00
Woodruff Construction, Inc.	Ames, IA	\$140,704.54
Sternquist Construction	Indianola, IA	\$143,924.50
The Concrete Contracting Company, Inc.	Grimes, IA	\$145,000.00
Brothers Concrete	Des Moines, IA	\$156,892.50
Jensen Builders, Ltd.	Fort Dodge, IA	\$175,400.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Elder Corporation.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
January 10, 2024

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

Decision Item

9. Public Land Acquisition Project- White Horse Access Wildlife Management Area, Sac County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

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

Seller: INHF

Acreage: 53 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$327,925

Appraised Value: \$437,300

Property Description: This property is located three (3) miles north of Auburn in southeastern Sac County. The two, irregular-shaped tracts (24 acres & 29 acres) are gently to moderately sloping grassland entirely enrolled in the CRP (through 2030). The North Raccoon River (part of the WMA) is located about ¼ of the mile to the east. There are no building improvements. Access to the property is provided by a county, gravel road along the west boundary.

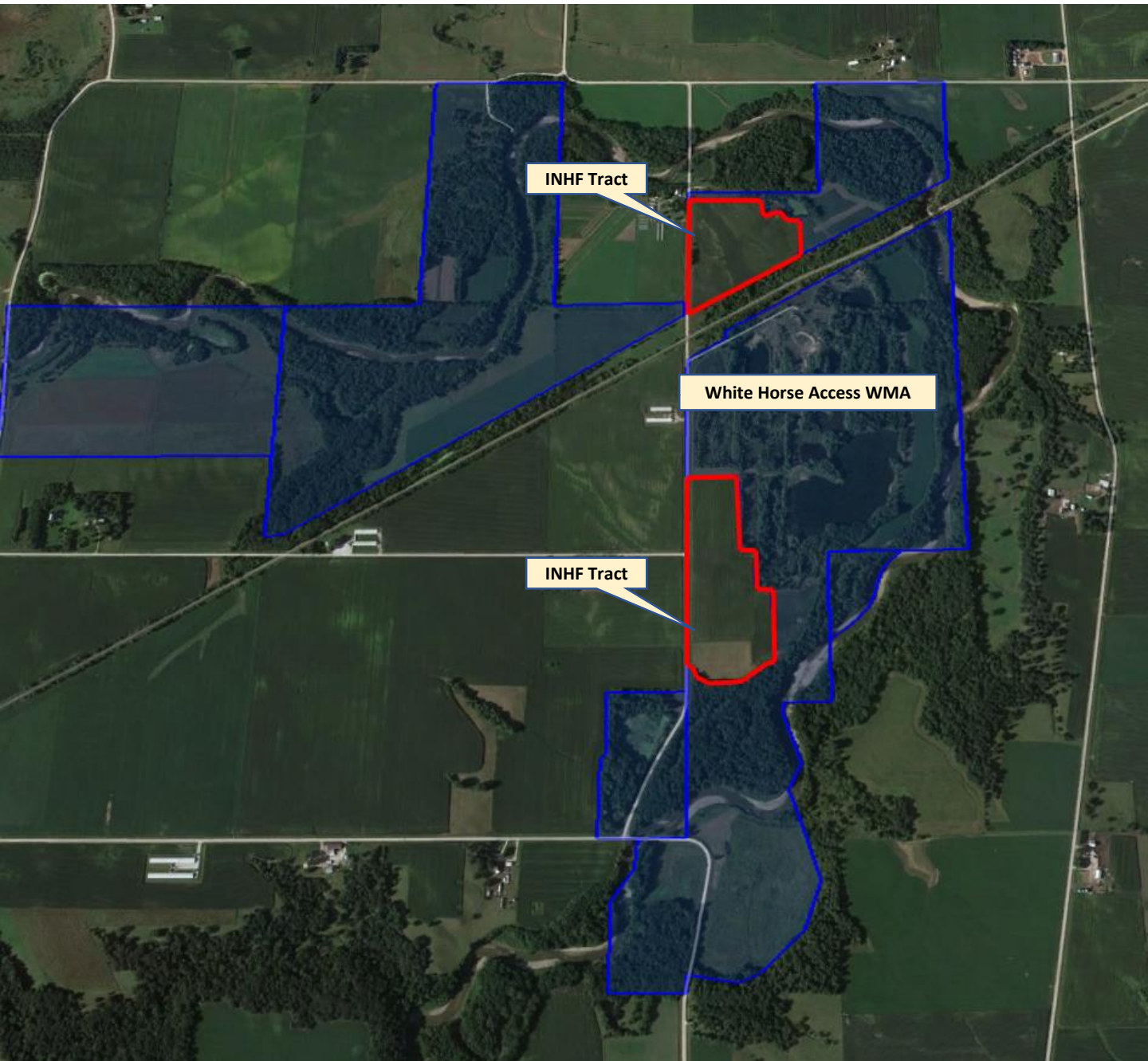
Purpose: The property will provide for excellent management potential due to the adjacency on three sides to the public forest. The tract will provide public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): REAP Private/Public Grant Program

Incidental Costs: Survey and incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. This property will remain on property tax rolls in Sac County.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: January 10, 2024



Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***10. Contract with Nick Jones Earthmoving**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Nick Jones Earthmoving of Waterville, IA.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$52,552.50

Dates: 1/10/24 – 3/31/24

Funding Source(s): Federal Grant

Contract Purpose: The purpose is to eliminate Round-Leaf Bittersweet in an area at Backbone State Park and replant to oak species. Invasive bittersweet has decimated a planted pine stand for the last 20 to 30 years. This contract will provide services to bulldoze the infested area. Following this work, the area will be planted to grass and sprayed to kill the Round- Leaf Bittersweet as it comes up through the grass. The area will be planted to oaks after the bittersweet has been eliminated.

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

Criteria Reviewed: Criteria reviewed for this work included if the business felt they could do the work.

Proposal Due Date: November 17, 2023

of Proposals Received: 3

Recommendation:

Nick Jones Earthmoving, Waterville, IA - \$3675 per acre

Moyna, Elkader, IA - \$3750 per acre

Crane, Manchester, IA - \$4100 per acre

Sherry Arntzen, Bureau Chief
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau
Conservation and Recreation Division
1/10/24