

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Thursday, July 11, 2024

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9:30 AM – NRC Business Meeting (virtual only)

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4.	Division Administrator’s Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
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6.	Subrecipient Grant Agreement with the City of Dubuque-USFWS Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)	Decision	Joe Larscheid
*7.	Contract Amendment with Jacob Lahr-State Forest Nursery Mowing Services	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
*8.	Contract Amendment with TriEst Ag Group, Inc.-State Forest Nursery Soil Fumigation Services	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
9.	Proposed County Antlerless Quotas for the 2024-2025 Seasons	Decision	Todd Bishop
10.	Small Construction Projects-Earthen Basin Widening at Badger Creek State Recreation Area	Information	Travis Baker
11.	Large Construction Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	11.1 Spirit Lake Hatchery ADA Lift and Door	Decision	Travis Baker
	11.2 Lake Manawa State Park Pavement Maintenance	Decision	Travis Baker
*12.	Public Land Management Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	12.1 Easement Conveyance, Pottawattamie County – City of Council Bluffs	Decision	Travis Baker
	12.2 Easement Conveyance, Dickinson County – Interstate Power and Light Company	Decision	Travis Baker
	12.3 Management Agreement, McMahan Access – Greene County Conservation Board		
*13.	Contract with Jake’s Woods LLC-Volga River State Recreation Area Timber Stand Improvement	Decision	Travis Baker
14.	Contract with Wildlife Management Institute-Midwest Grassland Conservation Delivery Network	Decision	Todd Bishop
15.	General Discussion		

Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates

- Thursday, August 8, 2024, Des Moines
- September 11 and 12, 2024, Winnebago County Tour and Business Meeting

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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

June 13, 2024

**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 9:00am on June 13, 2024, via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

- Tammi Kircher

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brett Randall, Cedar Falls-Chapter 571 Iowa Administrative Code 106.13(2)(b)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following agenda items:

- Donations
- Contract with Iowa State University-Spring Spotlight Survey
- Contract with City Industries, Inc.-Printing and Distribution of the Iowa Hunting, Trapping and Migratory Game Bird Regulations
- Contract Amendment with Poor Boyz LLC-Viking Lake State Park Waste Management Services
- Public Land Management Projects (17.1-17.2)
- Contract with Polk County CCB-Easter Lake
- Contract with Terrain360 LLC-Panoramic Imagery of the Little Sioux River Water Trail
- Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program-FY 2025

Chairperson Branstad requested the removal of the Director’s Remarks from the agenda. Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

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 KR Buck to approve the May 9, 2024, NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth invited Tim Hall, Water Resources Coordinator for the Department, to provide an update on the drought status in Iowa. Mr. Hall presented information on the 2024 rainfall throughout the state, and provided a precipitation outlook for the rest of the Summer and into the Fall.
- Mr. Hildreth shared statistics from the 2024 Scholastic Clay Target Program State Shoot and publicly thanked DNR staff and volunteers for all of their work in managing the event.
- Mr. Hildreth shared a brief overview of the Rathbun Lake Project Partners meeting that he recently attended.
- Mr. Hildreth concluded his remarks by congratulating Park Manager Tammy Domonoske on her retirement and thanking DNR staff for their work in planning and delivering the June 12 NRC tour.

2024-2025 DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE HUNTS

Ross Ellingson requested Commission approval of the 2024-2025 deer management zone hunts. Mr. Ellingson responded to questions on the changes for the Polk county and Fremont/Mills county hunts.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

<i>Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by KR Buck.</i>
<i>The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.</i>

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PROPOSED COUNTY ANTLERLESS QUOTA CHANGES FOR THE 2024-2025 DEER HUNTING SEASON

Ross Ellingson presented the proposed county antlerless quota changes for the 2024-2025 deer hunting season as an information item to the Commission.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

INFORMATION

IOWA CITY DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN-2024-2029

Geoff Fruin, City Manager for Iowa City, requested Commission approval of the 2024-2029 Iowa City deer management plan. Commissioners held a robust discussion on the inclusion of sharp shooting in the 5-year plan; specifically the Commission discussed whether sharp shooting was appropriate at all and, if so, when. The Commission decided that a report detailing the outreach done by the City to grow their bow management hunt would be required at the April 2026 NRC meeting, and that no sharp shooting was permissible until after it had reviewed that report. Mr. Prickett made a motion to amend the item stating that the City cannot hold a sharp shoot prior to September of 2026, and only if approved by the NRC Commission in April of 2026 after reviewing said report, and that language allowing a second sharp shoot without Commission approval be removed from the management plan.

Public Comments – Anthony (virtual guest from Iowa City) commented on his interest in learning to bow hunt and become part of the solution. Public Information Officer Tammie Krausman requested Anthony’s contact information and committed to responding to Anthony with opportunities through the Department’s Communication and Outreach Bureau.

Written Comments – None

<i>Motion was made by Tom Prickett to approve the item as amended. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.</i>
<i>The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. Laura Foell-nay. Motion passes.</i>

APPROVED AS AMENDED

CONTRACT WITH SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION-MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF CODY SHOOTING RANGE

Tammie Krausman requested Commission approval for a contract with Scott County Conservation to manage and operate Cody Shooting Range.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS-TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL AT LOST GROVE LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Travis Baker presented a small construction project to remove trees and brush at Lost Grove Lake Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

INFORMATION

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS-RED HAW STATE PARK, CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project for campground improvements at Red Haw State Park.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS-YELLOW RIVER STATE FOREST, PAINT CREEK STREAMBANK IMPROVEMENTS

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project for streambank improvements along Paint Creek in Yellow River State Forest.

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. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-DEKALB WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA IN DECATUR COUNTY-DUFF

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Decatur County adjacent to the DeKalb Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-OTTER CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA IN TAMA COUNTY-TURNER

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Tama County adjacent to the Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-SHELL ROCK BEND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA IN BUTLER COUNTY-IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Butler County adjacent to the Shell Rock Bend Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-McCOY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA IN BOONE COUNTY-IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Boone County adjacent to the McCoy Wildlife Management Area. Kelly Smith explained the process of the grant agreement and land transfer to the Commission.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-BIG MARSH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA IN BUTLER COUNTY-PAUL G. MANLEY ESTATE

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Butler County adjacent to the Big Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-PALISADES-KEPLER STATE PARK IN LINN COUNTY, LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to accept a donation of two parcels of land located in Linn County in Palisades-Kepler State Park.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-FALCON SPRINGS WMA IN WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Winneshiek County adjacent to the Falcon Springs Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-GRANNIS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA IN FAYETTE COUNTY, IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Fayette County adjacent to to the Grannis Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Commissioners shared a variety of updates about their recent experiences, including travels, wildlife sightings, and outdoor experiences.
- Commissioner Buck noted that he would like to have a future discussion regarding the nonresident deer hunting rules. Commissioner Buck also commented on the mowing of state roadways that he has witnessed this time of year while traveling throughout the state.
- Commissioner Hansen noted that he would like to have a future discussion on the nonresident small game hunting rules.
- Commissioners thanked DNR field staff for their time and work planning and delivering the June 12 NRC tour.

ADJOURN

The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 11:25 am on June 13, 2024.

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	\$50.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Paul Rottinghaus from First Citizens Bank.	Ashley Peterson
Bellevue State Park	\$169.84	Donated wood materials and hardware for the wooden arbor in the Butterfly Garden at Bellevue State Park.	Matthew Brinker
Bellevue State Park	\$188.60	Donated labor hours to build wooden arbor for the Butterfly Garden at Bellevue State Park.	Isaac Brinker
Bellevue State Park	\$188.60	Donated labor hours to build wooden arbor for the Butterfly Garden at Bellevue State Park.	Kannon Still
Lake Macbride State Park	\$350.00	Improvements at Lake Macbride State Park.	Anonymous
Bellevue State Park	\$659.64	Cedar park bench for Bellevue State Park.	Scott Putman
Parks and Forestry	\$35.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Alan and Barbara Piper
Parks and Forestry	\$75.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Craig and Janet Wood
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Dennis and Darla Gibson
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Mary Dorsett
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Scott, Shelley and McKenna Finneman
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Ginger Green
Parks and Forestry	\$50.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	George and Rebeca Clavenna

Parks and Forestry	\$40.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Paul Rowe
Parks and Forestry	\$25.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Daniel and Jane Lantz
Parks and Forestry	\$50.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Quentin and Inez Boyken
Parks and Forestry	\$50.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Dale and Patty Meeker
Parks and Forestry	\$40.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Jack, Glenda, Nicole & Cody Findley
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Patty Gray and Emma and Isabella
Parks and Forestry	\$50.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Bill and Kathi Piper
Parks and Forestry	\$485.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in memory of Douglas Alfred Ashbaugh (12/10/1957-3/16/2024.	Deborah Ashbaugh and Family
Parks and Forestry	\$25.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in dedication of Cathy McClary.	Kathleen Blake
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$40.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Steven Harris
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Robert Lee Goldman.	Louise Gallagher

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
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Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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Decision Item

6. Subrecipient Grant Agreement with the City of Dubuque

Commission approval is requested for an agreement with the City of Dubuque.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$170,100

Dates: July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025

Funding Source(s): USFWS, Boating Infrastructure Grant Tier 1 Funds

Agreement Purpose: The USFWS Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) provides annual pass-through funding to States for docking and safe harbor for transient boaters and vessels. This grant program was created under the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 to provide funding for the construction, renovation and maintenance of boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels at least 26 feet long that are operated, leased, rented, or chartered primarily for pleasure. BIG receives its funding from two percent of the annual appropriation from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The Act requires at least a 25 percent match from the applicant.

The DNR serves as the State agent and pass-through funds administrator for this program. Interested applicants complete the federal form and submit it to the State agent for processing. The State agent reviews and submits the qualified application on behalf of the applicant for federal review and approval. The successful applicant(s), then, enters into an agreement with the State agency outlining federal requirements.

Funds granted will be used by the City of Dubuque for dredging areas near and around the existing transient dock and continuing southeast toward the existing transient/fuel/water/pump-out dock. This will provide boaters safe access to the amenities of the Dubuque Marina and the City of Dubuque. It will also provide safe harbor for daily and overnight docking. Bathroom and shower facilities are currently available to these transient boaters.

Recommendation: One application was received for this grant cycle. The USFWS has approved the BIG grant award to the City of Dubuque. The review committee (State agent/DNR, USFWS, DNR Federal Aid Coordinator) recommends entering into this agreement with the grant awardee, City of Dubuque.

Joe Larscheid, Fisheries Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

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Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent*)

***7. Contract Amendment-4 with Jacob Lahr**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Jacob Lahr, of Manchester, Iowa.

Amendment--# 4

Terms:

Amendment Amount: \$ 20,000

Amendment Dates: August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025

Funding Source(s): Seedling Sales cost center 8911

Amendment Purpose: To extend the State Forest Nursery mowing contract for an additional year. The turf areas at the State Forest Nursery need to be maintained during the growing season.

Original Contract Purpose: The State Forest Nursery has approximately 16 acres of turf grass that needs to be mowed and trimmed on a regular basis. By mowing and trimming we are able to keep our facility looking neat and well-kept while also preventing grass and weed species from putting out seed that will move into our fields causing weed issues and impacting the growth of nursery crops.

Original Selection Process: In 2021 the DNR published a Request for Quote (RFQ) and reviewed bids for services requested. Jacob Lahr was awarded the bid due to him having the necessary equipment and manpower to perform the service in a timely manner as well as being cost effective. The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a request of proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount \$ 10,650; Timeframe: April 26, 2021 to April 25, 2022

Amendment- #1; Terms: Amount: \$14,250; Timeframe: 4/25/2022 to 4/24/2023; Purpose: Extend contract for 1 year

Amendment- #2; Terms: Amount: \$14,250; Timeframe: 4/22/23 to 4/21/2024; Purpose: Extend contract for 1 year

Amendment- #3; Terms: Amount: \$0; Timeframe: 4/20/2024 to 8/30/2024; Purpose: Extend contract for 5 months

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester
Conservation and Recreation Division
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Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***8. Contract Amendment-#2 with TriEst Ag Group, Inc.**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with TriEst Ag Group, Inc., of Greenville, NC.

Amendment--# 2

Terms:

Amendment Amount: \$ 50,000

Amendment Dates: August 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

Funding Source(s): Nursery Seedling Sales

Amendment Purpose: To provide the same soil fumigation service at the State Forest Nursery as the previous year. TriEst Ag Group, Inc. will fumigate up to 6 acres of Nursery fields. Soil fumigation is a management technique that is widely used in the nursery industry to eliminate soil pathogens and weed infestations prior to planting nursery crops.

Original Contract Purpose: The purpose of this contract is for the contractor to provide soil fumigation services to the Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery to aid in growing quality tree seedlings. The contractor will perform soil fumigation using methyl bromide and chloropicrin products according to Federal and State Law. The rate to be applied is 325lb/acre at an injection depth of 10 inches using 67% methyl bromide and 33% chloropicrin. Contractor shall cover the fields using a totally impervious film. Soil fumigation helps reduce management costs during the growing season. Soil fumigation helps reduce the amount of pesticides applied and associated labor costs of spraying and pulling weeds.

Original Selection Process: In 2022, the DNR issued an RFQ and reviewed bids for services requested. TriEst Ag Group, Inc. was selected based on their ability to meet the needs of the State Forest Nursery. The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a request of proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount \$24,999; Timeframe: August 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

Amendment- #1 Terms: Amount: \$40,000; Timeframe: August 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024; Purpose: Extend contract for 1 year

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester
Conservation and Recreation Division
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9. Proposed County Antlerless Quota Changes for the 2024-25 Seasons

The following county antlerless quota changes are proposed for the 2024-25 deer hunting seasons. Changes are proposed where population indices, wildlife bureau staff and hunter observations indicate the population is above or below goal.

County	Quota	County	Quota	County	Quota
Adair	1200	Floyd	150 <u>250</u>	Monona	250 <u>0</u>
Adams	1000 <u>750</u>	Franklin	100	Monroe	2500
Allamakee	3800	Fremont	0	Montgomery	300 <u>150</u>
Appanoose	2800	Greene	100	Muscatine	900
Audubon	0	Grundy	0	O'Brien	0
Benton	325	Guthrie	2350	Osceola	0
Black Hawk	0	Hamilton	100	Page	150 <u>0</u>
Boone	500 <u>600</u>	Hancock	100	Palo Alto	0
Bremer	300	Hardin	100 <u>200</u>	Plymouth	0
Buchanan	400	Harrison	250 <u>0</u>	Pocahontas	0
Buena Vista	0	Henry	1050	Polk	1350
Butler	200 <u>300</u>	Howard	450	Pottawattamie	250 <u>0</u>
Calhoun	0	Humboldt	0	Poweshiek	200
Carroll	0	Ida	0	Ringgold	1600
Cass	200 <u>0</u>	Iowa	450	Sac	0
Cedar	775	Jackson	1100	Scott	200
Cerro Gordo	100	Jasper	400	Shelby	0
Cherokee	0	Jefferson	1500	Sioux	0
Chickasaw	375	Johnson	950	Story	150
Clarke	2400	Jones	1100	Tama	300
Clay	0	Keokuk	500	Taylor	1500
Clayton	4000	Kossuth	0	Union	1400
Clinton	400	Lee	1800	Van Buren	2400
Crawford	0	Linn	850	Wapello	1600
Dallas	1900	Louisa	775	Warren	3000
Davis	2000	Lucas	2500	Washington	1200

County	Quota	County	Quota	County	Quota
Decatur	2500	Lyon	0	Wayne	2700
Delaware	1100	Madison	3300	Webster	400 <u>200</u>
Des Moines	1000	Mahaska	475	Winnebago	0
Dickinson	0	Marion	2050	Winneshiek	2700
Dubuque	1200	Marshall	150	Woodbury	0
Emmet	0	Mills	0	Worth	0
Fayette	2500	Mitchell	100	Wright	100

Additional Buck-only for Gun 1

1. Monona
2. Shelby
3. Harrison
4. Pottawattamie
5. Mills
6. Fremont

Proposed quotas were published on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Deer-Hunting on June 03, 2024 as required by IAC 571-106.10(5).

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
 Conservation and Recreation Division
 NRC Meeting Date: 7/11/2024

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10. 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
5/30/24	20-04-61-04	Badger Creek SRA	Madison	Project includes widening two earthen dikes, installing 438 feet of tile, and constructing a rock chute.	\$40,000	\$33,290.50 \$35,941.50 \$38,212.00 \$39,622.00 \$41,186.00 \$45,689.00 \$61,394.41 \$62,385.00

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
 Conservation and Recreation Division
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Decision Item

Construction Item

11.1 Spirit Lake Hatchery, ADA Lift and Door – Dickinson County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Spirit Lake Hatchery is located between Big Spirit Lake and East Okoboji Lake and is a cool water hatchery that produces over 75 million walleye fry, 100,000 six-inch walleye fingerlings, 25,000 seven-inch walleye fingerlings, and 2 million northern pike fry annually. The hatchery complex also houses the northwest district office.

The main building of the complex was constructed in 1963, and is not compliant with current accessibility standards. All accesses into the tank room viewing areas include navigation of a set of stairs, preventing some disabled visitors from accessing all that is available to able-bodied patrons. This project consists of the installation of a commercial vertical wheelchair lift and automatic sliding door to provide ADA access to the tank/hatching area from the main entrance of the facility and ADA parking areas.



Engineering Project #: 23-01-30-05

Cost Estimate: \$46,000

Operating Bureau: Fisheries

Funding Source: 41% Okoboji Foundation grant, 31% REAP Land Management, 28% Dickinson County Endowment Foundation grant

Bid Letting Date: 4/18/2024

Construction Completion Date: 12/1/2024

Number of Bids Received: 1

Bidders

Phillips Electric Inc.

Spirit Lake, IA

\$ 52,600.00

Upon Engineering's review of the quote, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Phillips Electric Inc.

11.2 Lake Manawa State Park, Pavement Maintenance – Pottawattamie County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Lake Manawa State Park is located in Council Bluffs and was dedicated in 1932. The park encompasses more than 1,500 acres including a 753-acre oxbow lake. Amenities include a paved nature trail, campground, boat ramps, a beach, concessionaire, picnic shelters, and a playground.

The existing concrete road, South Shore Drive, was constructed in the early 1970's and portions were resurfaced in the early 1990's. The road has cracking and potholes and needs rehabilitation and two intersection corners widened at 11th Street due to vehicle off-tracking. This project will employ a crack-and-seat technique, where the existing pavement is crushed in place, then covered with a 3-1/2" asphalt overlay. In addition to saving cost, this method reduces construction time, materials needed, and minimizes traffic impacts. Construction is scheduled to occur between Labor Day and November 15, 2024. The work will be staged to allow complete closure of sections of roadway during construction while still allowing access to the private residential neighborhoods.



Engineering Project #: 23-04-78-01

Cost Estimate: \$1,255,000

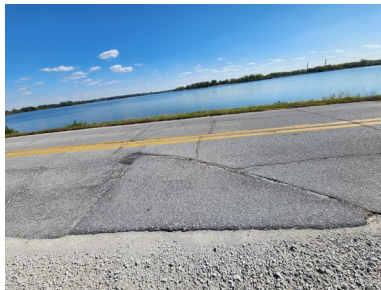
Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100% Parks and Institutional Roads

Bid Letting Date: 6/25/2024

Construction Completion Date: 11/15/2024

Number of Bids Received: 2



Bidders

Western Engineering Co Inc

Harlan, IA

\$740,133.41

Oldcastle Materials Midwest Co

Omaha, NE

\$1,033,261.91

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

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***12. Public Land Management Projects**

12.1 Easement Conveyance, Pottawattamie County – City of Council Bluffs

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a permanent easement for the expansion of and maintenance of the Sieck Levee in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Project Description: The City of Council Bluffs seeks to widen the Sieck Levee located along the Missouri River increase the redundancy, resiliency, and robustness of levee systems to meet USACE criteria. The permanent Easement is for 4.12 acres. This increase in the levee width will result in the loss of a portion of the parking lot that has historically been utilized by River Valley OHV Park. The city has agreed to offset these losses by restoring the fencing and access trail, restoring the electrical service, coordinating the relocation of shelters, and reimbursing the Department for a latrine that will be removed.

Consideration: \$0.00 (Public Safety)

12.2 Easement Conveyance, Dickinson County – Interstate Power and Light Company

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve an easement for installation of electrical line infrastructure at the Highway 9 Boat Ramp in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Project Description: Interstate Power and Light Company is requesting an easement to install switchgear in the northwest corner of Highway 9 Boat Ramp. This gear will require an above ground structure to provide access to the gear. The easement will be 20 feet by 20 feet. Local Parks staff have reviewed the request and given approval.

Compensation: \$0.00 (Mutual Benefit)

12.3 Management Agreement, McMahan Access – Greene County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the Green County Conservation Board for the McMahan Access located in Greene County.

Location: This property is located 5 miles west of Jefferson in Section 32, Township 84 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M. in Greene County, Iowa. This access is part of the North Raccoon WMA.

Site Purpose: This 0.5-acre property contains a boat ramp that is used for boat access to the North Raccoon River.

Management History: There was a historic river access area that is ~ 1 mile south of this location. This site was determined to not be sustainable. In 2020 the County applied for a Sovereign Lands Permit to build a new boat ramp adjacent to County owned land that is a better location and more sustainable. This Permit was approved and the new ramp has been built. This agreement will cover the new boat

ramp area. As part of this agreement and the Sovereign Lands Permit, the old ramp will be removed by the county per the requirements of the Sovereign Lands Permit.

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

This agreement was approved by the Guthrie County Conservation Board on June 11, 2024.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***13. Contract with Jake's Woods LLC**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Jake's Woods LLC, of Kahoka, MO.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$25,971

Dates: July 15, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Funding Source(s): General Fund (100%)

Contract Purpose: The purpose of this contract is to enter a service contract to provide labor and equipment to complete three separate timber stand improvement projects at the Volga State Recreation Area in Fayette County. These sites have been planted with seedlings, have undergone a timber harvest, and are now ready for the residual weed trees to be cut and killed. The killing of the residual weed trees will release the planted seedlings, allowing them to be free to grow.

- The work will done in Stand 63 (27 acres), Stand 30 (23 acres), and Stands 46/95 (28.7 acres) as identified in the Forest Stewardship Plan.
- All trees 1" and larger in diameter should be cut off at the ground, with the exception of any oak, or large desirable trees utilized for roosting. The stumps of undesirable species should be treated with chemical to prevent resprouting. Double band girdling will be acceptable but not within a canopies distance from any road or trail.

This practice will remove most of the overstory, creating a dense stand of young new natural and planted regeneration.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from an established list of forestry contractors

Criteria Reviewed: Criteria for this work was low bid.

Proposal Due Date: 12/29/2023

of Proposals Received: 5

Recommendation: Jake's Woods LLC

Name	Location	Rank	Bid Amount
Jake's Woods LLC	Kahoka, MO	1	\$25,971.00
Brown's Forestry	Decorah, IA	2	\$36,056.50
Blake W Gamm	Fayette, IA	3	\$46,000.00
MJR Mulching	Cascade, IA	4	\$47,220.00
LeSeur River Seeding	Waseca, MN	5	\$142,419.00

Sherry L. Arntzen, Parks Forests and Preserves Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

NRC Meeting Date: July 11, 2024

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14. Contract with Wildlife Management Institute

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

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$100,000

Dates: July 15, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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

Contract Purpose: The DNR is entering into a cooperative agreement with the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) to collaboratively regional grassland conservation coordination through the Midwest Grassland Conservation Delivery Network. Grasslands are critically imperiled ecosystems in North America, but especially in the Midwest where less than 4% of historic grasslands remain. The DNR and WMI, along with other partner wildlife management agencies and non-profit organizations in the Midwest, have recognized a need for regional coordination of grassland conservation efforts in order to accomplish conservation objectives on public and private lands at the landscape scale.

The DNR and WMI will collaboratively manage the Midwest Grassland Conservation Delivery Network in partnership with the Upper Mississippi Great Lakes Joint Venture. This network will allow partners to find efficiencies, avoid duplicative efforts, leverage collective resources, and share knowledge, thereby fostering a nature of collaboration to accelerate conservation of critically imperiled grasslands.

The DNR has committed to leading this effort with WMI because of the critical importance of grasslands to our wildlife and our people. The DNR will provide logistical support for coordination meetings and technical assistance workshops and lead identification of priorities for grassland conservation in the Midwest in collaboration with other partner agencies and organizations. The WMI tasks are as follows:

Contract tasks:

- Manage the Midwest Grassland Conservation Delivery Network.
- Organize regional grassland conservation coordination meetings.
- Develop and organize regional grassland technical assistance workshops.

Selection Process Summary: Development of cooperative agreements is authorized under Iowa Code section 455A.4(6) and 456A.24.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: July 11, 2024