

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

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Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:30 AM – NRC Business Meeting

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4.	Division Administrator's Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
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6.	Chapter 23-Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program Grant Recommendations	Decision	Todd Bishop
7.	Easement Conveyance, Winneshiek County-State Historic Preservation Office	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
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9.	Contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc. (Pleasant and Lily Lakes)	Decision	Todd Bishop
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	13.1 Management Agreement-Bearbower Sand Prairie-Buchanan County Conservation Board		
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	13.4 Land Patent-Appanoose County-Honey Creek Resort Area		
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	14.3 Hawk Valley WMA, Clay County-Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation		
	14.4 Grant Center WMA, Woodbury County-Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation		

15.	Contract with Shive-Hattery-Construction Bid Packages for Backbone State Park Wastewater Treatment Systems	Decision	Travis Baker
16.	Contract with Custom Tree Care, Inc.-Tree Removal at Loess Hills State Forest	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
17.	General Discussion		
<p>Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 11 and 12, 2024, Winnebago County Tour and Business Meeting October 10, 2024, Boone County Tour and Business Meeting 			

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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

July 11, 2024

**Video Teleconference
and
Wallace State Office Building**

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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 July 11, 2024, via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Laura Foell
- Tom Prickett
- KR Buck
- Laura Kudej
- Marcus Branstad
- Tammi Kircher

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

- Uriah Hansen

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following agenda items:

- Donations
- Contract Amendment with Jacob Lahr-State Forest Nursery Mowing Services
- Contract Amendment with TriEst Ag Group, Inc.-State Forest Nursery Soil Fumigation Services
- Public Land Management Projects (12.1-12.3)
- Contract with Jake’s Woods LLC-Volga River State Recreation Area Timber Stand Improvement

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

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 PRESENTED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the June 12, 2024, NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

DIRECTOR’S REMARKS

- Deputy Director Alex Moon informed Commissioners of Director Lyon’s recent travels in response to the NW Iowa flooding events.
- Deputy Director Moon invited Bureau Chief Sherry Arntzen to provide an update regarding the effects of flooding on the Iowa State Parks system throughout the state. Chief Arntzen listed closures of trails, boating ramps, camping sites, cabins, roads, docks, and parking lots that were affected by flooding of various water bodies located near state parks. Properties affected include, but are not limited to, Rock Creek, Mines of Spain, George Wyth, Ledges, Dolliver, Wilson Island, and Lake Manawa State Parks, Fairport Recreation Area, and several state managed properties in the Iowa Great Lakes region. Chief Arntzen responded to

inquiries regarding possible long-term damage, revenue lost due to cancellations and closures, and FEMA qualified damage.

- Deputy Director Moon concluded his remarks by publicly thanking all DNR employees for their natural disaster response work.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth also recognized DNR staff for their work with flood response throughout the state and noted the long road ahead for affected communities.
- Mr. Hildreth noted that damage assessments for state managed infrastructure is still undetermined and that staff are working hard to gather data as water begins to recede. One area affected included erosion surrounding a pipe near the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery. Mr. Hildreth committed to providing updates regarding flood damage at future NRC meetings.
- Mr. Hildreth shared that 1/3 of DNR’s Conservation Officers were deployed to respond to the flood event in Rock Valley, together rescuing upwards of 250 individuals by boat.
- Mr. Hildreth gave a report on his recent field experiences, including a pair of ride-a-longs with Parks Supervisors and a visit to see the safety operation at the Lake Manawa State Parks fireworks display event.
- Mr. Hildreth concluded his remarks by encouraging Commissioners to attend one of the upcoming Western Iowa Deer Initiative meetings, which are geared toward gathering public input on the low deer population in Western Iowa.

SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DUBUQUE-USFWS BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (BIG)

George Scholten requested Commission approval of a subrecipient grant agreement with the City of Dubuque for a dredging project around the existing transient dock at the Dubuque Marina. Funds for the project are provided by the USFWS Boating Infrastructure Grant.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

<i>Motion was made by Tom Prickett to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.</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

Wildlife Bureau Chief Todd Bishop presented the proposed county antlerless quota changes for the 2024-2025 deer hunting season. Chief Bishop gave an overview of comments received. Commissioners discussed the relationship between the Western Iowa Deer Initiative meetings and the proposed quotas presented in the brief. Jace Elliott, deer biologist, responded to questions regarding the cause of the deer population decline in Western Iowa, which started in the early 2000s.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

<i>Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.</i>
<i>The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the item by saying aye. Laura Foell voted nay. Motion passes.</i>

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-EARTHEN BASIN WIDENING AT BADGER CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA

Travis Baker presented a small construction project for the widening of an earthen basin at Badger Creek State Recreation Area as an information item to the Commissioners.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

INFORMATION

SPIRIT LAKE HATCHERY ADA LIFT AND DOOR

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a project that 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 at the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Laura Foell 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

LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for pavement maintenance for a large portion of the concrete road running through Lake Manawa State Park.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. KR Buck abstained from voting due to his business' involvement in one of the project bids. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE-MIDWEST GRASSLAND CONSERVATION DELIVERY NETWORK

Todd Bishop requested Commission approval for a contract with Wildlife Management Institute to manage the Midwest Grassland Conservation Delivery Network.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Commissioners shared a variety of updates about their recent experiences, including travels, wildlife sightings, and outdoor experiences. Several Commissioners also expressed their gratitude to DNR staff for their response to recent flood events throughout the state.
- Commissioner Buck gave a report out on his goose banding observation experience and his experience attending one of the Western Iowa deer meetings. Commissioner Buck also encouraged Commissioners to review the REAP meeting reports that were recently released.
- Commissioner Foell shared that she visited her final Iowa State Park. Congratulations Laura!
- Commissioner Branstad noted the DNR presence at the Fourth of July fireworks show at Lake Panorama.

- Commissioners requested that the October meeting be held in the field at the Boone Research station. Commissioners will be touring Ledges State Park as part of the meeting.
- Commissioners confirmed that the August meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, August 6th.

ADJOURN

The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 10:37 am on July 11, 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:
Wildlife	\$2,800.00	Aluminum stoplogs for the Water Control Structure at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Big Wall Cabin Owners, Delta Waterfowl
Wildlife	\$1,050.00	Aluminum stoplogs for the Water Control Structure at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Nate Rorebeck
Wildlife	\$120.00	Installation of donated aluminum stoplogs at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Zach Kollmoran
Wildlife	\$120.00	Installation of donated aluminum stoplogs at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Jesses Furman
Wildlife	\$120.00	Installation of donated aluminum stoplogs at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Clay Ellis
Wildlife	\$120.00	Installation of donated aluminum stoplogs at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Kevin Pose
Wildlife	\$120.00	Installation of donated aluminum stoplogs at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Shane Bulter
Wildlife	\$120.00	Installation of donated aluminum stoplogs at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Tanner Thomas
Wildlife	\$120.00	Installation of donated aluminum stoplogs at Big Wall Lake WMA.	Nate Kollmorgan
Parks	\$659.64	Recycled plastic bench to be placed along the butterfly garden trail at Bellevue State Park.	Scott and Dorie Putman
Parks	\$5,500.00	Memorial kayak launch, dock, and trees for Lake Macbride State Park.	Don Maston Family
Ledges State Park	\$465.00	Donation of (25) 2"x10"x12" treated lumber boards for picnic tables at Ledges State Park.	Neal Giese
Ledges State Park	\$465.00	Donation of (25) 2"x10"x12" treated lumber boards for picnic tables at Ledges State Park.	Friends of the Ledges
Wildlife Diversity	\$55.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	Roni Deever
Parks and Forestry	\$750.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund.	Mid Iowa Archers
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Parks and Forestry	\$25.00	Donation to Parks and Forestry in dedication of Prairie Rose Site 79.	Matt Rippee
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Robert (Bob) Goldman.	Ken and Devona DeMoney

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
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6. Chapter 23 – Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program Grant Recommendations

The Commission is requested to approve the following grant recommendations pursuant to 571 IAC Chapter 23, Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program Grants.

Grant Purpose: In 1979, the Iowa General Assembly passed legislation requiring hunters and trappers to purchase a wildlife habitat stamp. All revenue derived from the sale of habitat stamps are used within the state of Iowa for acquisition of land, leasing of land, obtaining easements from willing sellers for use as wildlife habitats, and for the development and enhancement of wildlife lands and habitat areas. Beginning in 2019, in accordance with Iowa Code 483A.3, a portion of the revenues resulting from the increase in wildlife stamp fees are restricted from use on land acquisition projects. Grant applicants must provide at least 25% cost share for all projects. By Iowa Code, grant applications are reviewed twice a year.

Funding Source(s): Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

Grant Funding Available: \$664,882 (\$182,482 restricted)

Summary of Selection Process: As directed by criteria under 571 IAC Chapter 23, the grant review and selection committee met 7/9/2024 to evaluate and score applications and provide recommendations for the grant awards.

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

- County Conservation Boards (4)
- DNR Staff (1)

Number of Applications Received: 4 (3 additions to existing/new Wildlife Areas and 1 Habitat Development project)

Recommendations: The committee recommends offering full funding to two of the Wildlife Area applicants (Humboldt and Clinton Counties) with the remaining \$118,600 being offered to Mitchell County. The minimum score for eligible projects is 45, so the habitat development project was not eligible to be funded. Any unused funds will carry forward for use in future projects.

Ranked by Score	Percent Match	Grant Applicant (County)	Project Description	Grant Amount Requested	Recommended Award
52.8	44%	Humboldt	<i>Boone Valley Wildlife Area Expansion</i> - This project is phase 3 of the Boone Valley area which contains a mix of habitat types. Prairie Creek meanders its way, running west to east, across the 150-acre parcel. There is an abundance of riparian habitat bordering its banks. This type of habitat consists of roughly 75 acres. INHF has graciously allowed Humboldt County Conservation to begin to execute a management plan which has included native seeding as well as a wetland restoration project. Approximately 70 acres were seeded to native prairie in the spring of 2023 and would be considered upland type habitat. In the winter of 2022/23, 4 basins totaling 5 acres of wetlands were restored on portions of phase 3.	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
50.4	57%	Clinton	<i>40 ac. addition to Lost Nation Public Hunting Area</i> - This property lies in the rolling hills of Northwest Clinton County on the southern edge of the Driftless region and the current land use is predominantly cropland with wooded draws and a pond. The cropped area consists of 16 acres of row crop which has been planted to annual forage crops for this year and 12 acres of mixed perennial forage. Approximately 9 acres of wooded draws	\$123,800.00	\$123,800.00

			and a 1.5-acre pond area are also found on this property. The mix of potential upland habitats creates an environment that is ideal for a wide range of game and non-game species. There is also great public access to this property. It is bordered by gravel roads on the north and west sides and a parking lot already exist near the southwest corner. The south and east sides adjoin the LNPHA which will also allow access by foot through the current wildlife area.		
49.6	45%	Mitchell	<i>Historic Oaks Wildlife Area</i> - The property is uniquely shaped, consisting of a 61.5-acre parcel that spans across Burr Oak Creek. The proposed acquisition would encompass approximately 1.6 tillable acres located in the southwest corner of the property. Currently, the small tillable field is covered with the remnants of soybean stubble. The majority of the upland woods on the property was established in 1989 and the original tree plantation inventory included 900 white pines, 900 Scotch pines, 900 Norway spruce, 900 red cedar, 1,000 black walnut, and 1,000 shagbark hickory trees.	\$169,125.00	\$118,600.00
40.2	34%	Polk	<i>Swamp White Oak Savanna Restoration</i> - The primary goal of this project is to enhance and maintain the swamp white oak savanna habitat into a higher quality state. PCC will accomplish this by removing invasive plant species, managing light and competition by opening the tree canopy, promoting the regeneration of oak species by selective thinning, and preserving the existing suite of native savanna species. By restoring this habitat and maintaining its quality, PCC will provide an array of valuable habitats for the wildlife utilizing CBG and the surrounding area. The targeted project site consists of areas of oak savanna, prairie, and floodplain with the potential to benefit many different species and provide quality outdoor opportunities for the community.	\$95,700.00	-0-
Total				\$628,625.00	\$482,400.00

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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7. Easement Conveyance, Winneshiek County – State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a 50 year conservation easement for the purposes of assuring preservation at Fort Atkinson Historic District in Winneshiek County, Iowa.

Project Description: The Iowa Department of Natural Resources received a Saving America's Treasures grant through the National Park Service (NPS) for the purpose of stabilizing and rehabilitating structures at Fort Atkinson Historic District. The Saving America's Treasures grant is funded through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). The grant deliverables included developing a conditions assessment for each structure, conducting pre-development tests and analysis of site and structures, and the use of federal funds to improve the historic structures in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's standards. Additionally, the National Historic Preservation Act requires that HPF grantees sign a preservation covenant/easement with SHPO. The term must be for at least 50 years and must be executed by registering the easement with the deed of the property. The grant-funded work at Fort Atkinson is complete and this easement will be submitted to NPS as part of the final reporting documents.

Consideration: \$0.00 (Mutual Benefit)

Sherry Arntzen, Parks Forests and Preserves Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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8. **Contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc. (Goose Lake)**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU), of Dexter Michigan.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$100,000

Dates: August 9, 2024 – May 9, 2025

Funding Source(s): Federal NAWCA Grant (\$50,000), Lake Restoration Program (\$50,000)

Contract Purpose Goose Lake is a 360 acre marsh predominant herbaceous vegetation of cattails, hardstem bulrush, pickerelweed, and water lilies. This wetland system historically naturally had variable water levels. Due to changes in hydrology within the Goose Lake watershed, the water level remains unnaturally high during spring and summer months. This high water prohibits new hydric perennial and annual vegetation as well as degrading existing perennial vegetation. Additionally, due to the changes in hydrology, in particular changes in agricultural drainage, the channels necessary to manage water levels within the marsh to become filled with silt.

This project would clean out silted in channels within the marsh as well as lowering the existing water control structure two feet. These activities will allow staff to control water levels more actively with a goal of maintaining a proportion of the area in open water, a portion in perennial vegetation, and the ability to dewater and attract annual wetland vegetation. This active management will benefit spring and fall migrating waterfowl as well as breeding taking place on the area.

For this contract, DU will complete project management and completion of the construction project. They will provide construction oversight and inspection services.

The DNR will routinely inspect the construction site and keep DU advised of any updates to the project's construction.

Selection Process Summary: Cooperative Agreement contracting is authorized under 11 IAC 117.5(5) and 118.7.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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9. Contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc. (Pleasant and Lily Lakes)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU), of Dexter Michigan.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$250,000

Dates: August 9, 2024 – April 30, 2025

Funding Source(s): Federal NAWCA Grant (\$125,000), Lake Restoration Program (\$125,000)

Contract Purpose: Pleasant Lake and Lily Lake are 2 shallow lakes that are connected by their hydrology. They are located in Dickinson County, Iowa within the Spring Run PPJV Priority Area, the Spring Run Bird Conservation Area, the West Fork Little Sioux River – Little Sioux River Ducks Unlimited Living Lakes Initiative Emphasis Area, as well as the Spring Run Wildlife Area Important Bird Area.

The Pleasant Lake – Lily Lake Complex is at the north end of the Spring Run Wetland Complex. Pleasant Lake outlets into a marshy channel then inlets into Lily Lake. Lily Lake outlets at the headwaters of Muddy Creek which empties into the Little Sioux River at the north and through a drainage ditch at its south end that flows through numerous marshes in the Spring Run complex, into Lower Gar Lake, and to the Little Sioux River. The majority of Lily Lake is a deep emergent marsh with a wide fringe of temporary and saturated-soil wetland plants.

Due to the altered hydrology in northwest Iowa and southwest MN to improve agricultural production and the interconnectedness of these shallow lakes' hydrology they experience severe bounce. This project would redo the existing outlet structure on Lily Lake and clean out the drainage way between the two lakes. This will allow managers the ability to manage water levels on both lakes independently as well as at the same time depending on the needs.

For this contract, DU will complete project management and completion of the construction project. They will provide construction oversight and inspection services.

The DNR will routinely inspect the construction site and keep DU advised of any updates to the project's construction.

Selection Process Summary: Cooperative Agreement contracting is authorized under 11 IAC 117.5(5) and 118.7.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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10. Contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$250,000

Dates: September 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027

Funding Source(s): Iowa Migratory Bird Fees (50%), Lakes Restoration Program (50%)

Contract Purpose: To partner with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU) to perform engineering and feasibility assessments on shallow lakes and large marshes in the 35 County Prairie Pothole Joint Venture (PPJV) Region of Iowa. This contract continues our partnership with DU under the Living Lakes Initiative Conservation Partnership initiated in 2006.

The primary purpose of the agreement is to improve water quality in large marshes and shallow lakes where monitoring data show poor water quality and a corresponding reduction in wildlife habitat, native fish populations, and associated recreational use. Projects conducted under this agreement focus on renovation of degraded wetland habitats by removing and excluding carp and other rough fish species, establishing functional water control structures, and reestablishing healthy emergent and submerged aquatic plant communities. Previous projects funded under this agreement include Rice Lake, Little Swan Lake, Clemens, Kiowa Marsh, and Black Hawk Lake.

DU's professional bio-engineering staff will provide engineering services that include preliminary survey, engineering design, bid letting, and construction management services for new water control structures and invasive fish passage barriers at a 50% cost-share rate (up to \$250,000) with DNR. Work will be conducted on multiple projects sites; areas included are West Swan Lake, Garlock Slough, and Eagle Lake.

DU tasks include:

- Prepare all project bid specifications, accept or reject all project bids, and be solely responsible for making any contract changes, additional, or deletions as the work progresses.
- Complete survey and engineering designs needed to obtain necessary permits for construction, to develop accurate cost estimates for construction, and to advertise for bids.
- Provide construction management inspection services to confirm that all site developments are completed in a timely manner.

The DNR will:

- Provide up to \$250,000 on a 50% cost share rate for engineering services provided by DU
- Approve final engineering designs, routinely inspect the site when any construction is in progress, and keep DU advised of any desired changes, and additions, or deletions to the project construction.
- Manage the site to provide habitat that is beneficial to migratory birds.

Selection Process Summary: Non-governmental contracting with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. is authorized under 11 IAC 117.5(5) and 118.7.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief, Wildlife Bureau
Conservation and Recreation Division
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Information Item

11. 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
7/18/24	24-04-69-01	Viking Lake State Park	Montgomery	Project consists of grade preparation for new campground and installation of ADA parking and sidewalk	\$36,000	\$29,412.50 \$35,602.00 \$43,243.00 \$48,825.00

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: 8/6/2024

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Construction Item

12.1 Missouri River Wildlife Management Unit, Road Maintenance – Monona County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: This project consists of work in three wildlife management areas located in Monona County, under the jurisdiction of the Missouri River Wildlife Management Unit. The first area, Middle Decatur Bend WMA, is located seven miles west of Onawa, and is comprised of 349 acres of open water and marsh habitat. The second area, Louisville Bend EMA, is located four miles southwest of Onawa, and is comprised of 995 acres of marsh, timber, and upland habitat. The third area, Loess Hills WMA, is located eight miles northeast of Onawa, and is comprised of 3,119 acres of upland timber and prairie habitat. Collectively, these areas have deer, turkey, squirrel, rabbit, quail, pheasant, waterfowl, and dove.



In total, approximately 2.4 miles of rock surfaced roads will have the center crown reestablished, shoulders graded, and new road stone surfacing. 960 feet of ditch at Middle Decatur Bend will be cleaned out and seeded with native prairie grass.

Engineering Project #: 23-01-67-01

Cost Estimate: \$180,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: 100% Parks and Institutional Road Fund

Bid Letting Date: 07/18/2024

Construction Completion Date: 3/31/2025

Number of Bids Received: 5

Bidders

Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc.	Onawa, IA	\$178,534.22
Nagel Construction, LLC	Allerton, IA	\$178,995.50
Armodus, LLC	Mondamin, IA	\$188,662.00
Western Iowa Utilities, Inc.	Council Bluffs, IA	\$198,420.86
Hendrickson Transportation, LLC	Hamburg, IA	\$230,756.93

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc.

12.2 Dolliver Memorial State Park, Pavement Preservation – Webster County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Dolliver Memorial State Park is located in Webster County, approximately twelve miles southeast of Fort Dodge. Rentable facilities include two CCC era lodges, a picnic shelter, 22 campsites (including five electric-hookups, modern restroom and shower, and a dump station), and a group camp. The group camp consists of a dining hall, modern restrooms and showers, and ten sleeping cabins. Other park amenities include trails, Indian mounds, boat access to the Des Moines River, and Copperas Beds (unique sandstone formations).

The asphalt roads were constructed in the early 1990s and are showing signs of wear and tear including potholes, longitudinal cracking, transverse (thermal) cracking, and edge cracking. This project consists of patching, fog sealing, crack cleaning/sealing and placing rock on the shoulders.



Engineering Project #: 23-02-94-01

Cost Estimate: \$93,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100% Parks and Institutional Roads

Bid Letting Date: 07/18/2024

Construction Completion Date: 11/15/2024

Number of Bids Received: 1

Bidders

Midwest Coatings Co, Inc.

Modale, IA

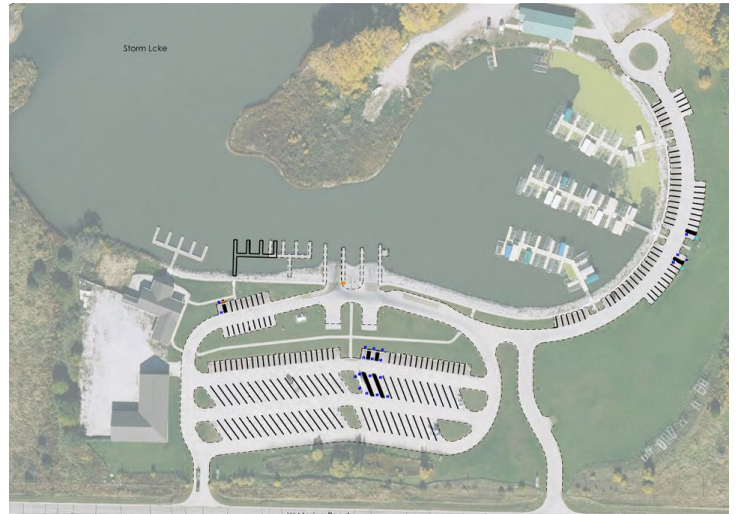
\$111,686.00

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

12.3 Storm Lake Marina, Pavement Striping and Repair– Buena Vista County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Storm Lake is a shallow natural lake located in northwest Iowa with a surface area of 3,104 acres. The marina is located on the west shore of the lake, was originally constructed in the mid-1970's and underwent a major renovation in 2007-2008. Marina amenities include a concession building, four-lane boat ramp, parking lot, fish cleaning station, and 84 rentable dock slips.



The existing parking lot and courtesy dock are not ADA compliant. This project will remove existing pavement markings, and restripe the parking lot. Also, the brick pavers located in the ADA parking spaces will be removed and replaced with concrete. The courtesy dock will be relocated and reconfigured. Concrete curbing will be removed from the sidewalk leading to the ADA boat launch dock and replaced with an accessible concrete ramp.

Engineering Project #: 24-01-11-02

Cost Estimate: \$90,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100 % Marine Fuel Tax

Bid Letting Date: 07/18/2024

Construction Completion Date: 10/31/2024

Number of Bids Received: #3

Bidders

Ten Point Construction Co., Inc.	Denison, IA	\$88,467.80
TK Concrete, Inc	Pella, IA	\$90,716.50
Woodruff Construction, Inc.	Fort Dodge, IA	\$90,824.45

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

12.4 Badger Creek SRA, Pavement Preservation – Madison County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Badger Creek State Recreation Area is located in Madison County, approximately six miles southeast of Van Meter. Amenities includes a 276-acre lake, boat ramps, fishing jetties, and a sunflower field.



The asphalt roads on the east side of the lake were constructed in 1985 and are showing signs of wear and tear including polished aggregate which can make the surface slick in wet conditions, potholes, longitudinal cracking, transverse (thermal) cracking, and edge cracking. This project consists of patching and a double chip seal of approximately 0.85 miles of HMA pavement of varying widths.

Engineering Project #: 24-05-61-01

Cost Estimate: \$136,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100% Parks and Institutional Roads

Bid Letting Date: 07/18/2024

Construction Completion Date: 07/10/2025

Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

Midwest Coatings Company, Inc.	Modale, IA	\$114,908.35
Grimes Asphalt and Paving Corporation	Des Moines, IA	\$179,781.30

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

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
August 6, 2024

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***13. Public Land Management Projects**

13.1 Management Agreement – Bearbower Sand Prairie – Buchanan County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the Buchanan County Conservation Board for the Bearbower Prairie located in Buchanan County.

Location: This property is located 4 miles south east of Brandon in Sections 31,32, Township 87 North, Range 9 West of the 5th P.M. in Buchanan County, Iowa.

Site Purpose: This 39.99-acre property is used for outdoor recreation and hunting

Management History: This property has been under a management agreement with Buchanan County Conservation Board since 1995. The previous Management agreement expired December 2020.

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

This agreement was approved by the Buchanan County Conservation Board on July 16, 2024.

13.2 Management Agreement – Troy Mills Wapsipinicon River Access – Buchanan County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the Buchanan County Conservation Board for the Troy Mills Wapsipinicon River Access located in Buchanan County.

Location: This property is located 5.5 miles south of Quasqueton in Section 25, Township 87 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Buchanan County, Iowa.

Site Purpose: This 18-acre property is used for outdoor recreation, hunting, and river access.

Management History: This property has been under a management agreement with Buchanan County Conservation Board since 1997. The previous Management agreement expired December 2021.

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

This agreement was approved by the Buchanan County Conservation Board on July 16, 2024.

13.3 Management Agreement, Harpers Ferry, Heytman Landing, Nobles Island, Harpers Slough – Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the Allamakee County Conservation Board for Harpers Ferry, Heytman Landing, Nobles Island, and Harpers Slough located in Allamakee County.

Location: This agreement has multiple parcels located in Allamakee County.

Harpers Ferry Boat Ramp located in Lot Three (3) of Lot One (1) of Government Lot Seven (7) in Section Twenty-four (24) Township Ninety-Seven (97) North, Range Three (3) West of the 5th. P.M. in Harpers Ferry. Containing five (5) acres more or less. Property address is 427 N. 1st Street Harpers Ferry, IA 52146

Heytman Landing located 9.5 miles Southeast of Lansing along the Mississippi River containing 3.41 acres more or less. Property address is 2693 Heytman Drive Lansing. IA 52151.

Nobles Island located 5 miles south of Harpers Ferry on the east side of Highway 364 containing 30 acres more or less. Property address is 645 Hwy 364 Harpers Ferry, IA 52146.

Harpers Slough located 3 miles south of Harpers Ferry on Highway 36 containing 3.5 acres more or less. Property address is 759 Highway 364 Harpers Ferry, IA 52146.

Site Purpose: Harpers Ferry, Heytman Landing, Nobles Island all contain boat ramps. Harpers Slough is a day use area.

Management History: This property has been under a management agreement with Allamakee County Conservation Board since 1998. The previous Management agreement expired December 31, 2023. The state and county began the renewal process in Fall of 2023.

Management Agreement Term: This standard Management Agreement is with the Allamakee County Conservation Board for 5 years with 5-year auto renewals until December 31, 2048.

This agreement was approved by the Allamakee County Conservation Board on July 2, 2024.

13.4 Land Patent – Appanoose County – Honey Creek Resort Area

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the sale of 20 acres by Patent to ADLM Counties Environmental Public Health in Appanoose County.

Acreage: 20 Acres m/l to ADLM Counties Environmental Public Health

Consideration: \$1.00 and other valuable considerations

ADLM Counties Environmental Public Health (ADLM) has requested the State transfer to them the title to land currently used for wastewater treatment lagoons for Honey Creek Resort in Appanoose County. This sale has been contemplated since 2009.

ADLM was created to provide waste water treatment for and on behalf of Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, and Monroe counties and, in particular, for the many unincorporated and/or unsewered communities that

surround Rathbun Lake. In 2009, the Iowa DNR and ADLM entered into a 28E Agreement that allowed for shared use of the wastewater treatment lagoons built by the state to service Honey Creek Resort. In this 28E, the parties agreed that Iowa DNR would transfer ownership of the facility to ADLM via a sale once ADLM was ready. This patent seeks to complete the 28E agreement. ADLM will assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the lagoons, and Honey Creek Resort will pay for its wastewater deposited there, just like all other customers.

The Department recommends the sale to ADLM Counties Environmental Public Health as specified in the 28E agreement. This patent will be completed under the authority of Iowa Code section 461A.32(1). This area is highly developed and contains a wastewater treatment lagoon; therefore, it is “undesirable for conservation purposes” consistent with this statute.

Closing costs will be the responsibility of the ADLM Counties Environmental Public Health.

Realty Services/ Honey Creek Lagoons/ Patent to ADLM



Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: August 6, 2024

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14. Public Land Acquisition Project

14.1 Klingman Etringer WMA, Clayton County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Clayton County and will create Klingman Etringer Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 156.77 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$1,020,000

Appraised Value: \$1,097,000

Property Description: This irregular-shaped property is located two miles south of Volga in south west Clayton County. This property will create the 156-acre Klingman Etringer WMA. This property has 85.5 acres of CRP and the remainder in timber. The CRP is a well establish quality reconstructed prairie that currently has a good population of ring-necked pheasant. Additionally, the State Threatened Henslow's Sparrow has been documented on the neighboring property and is expected to be using this property.

Oak is a major component of the timber and future forest management will be heavily directed towards maintain and perpetuating oak where possible. A Forest Wildlife Stewardship Plan will be completed by DNR Foresters and wildlife Biologist.

In addition, the acquisition will protect and enhance approximately 1050 feet of Hewett Creek, located on the west side of the property. Hewett Creek has one of the highest populations of natural reproducing brown trout in the region. No buildings are present on this tract and access is from Sebald Road, a county gravel road.

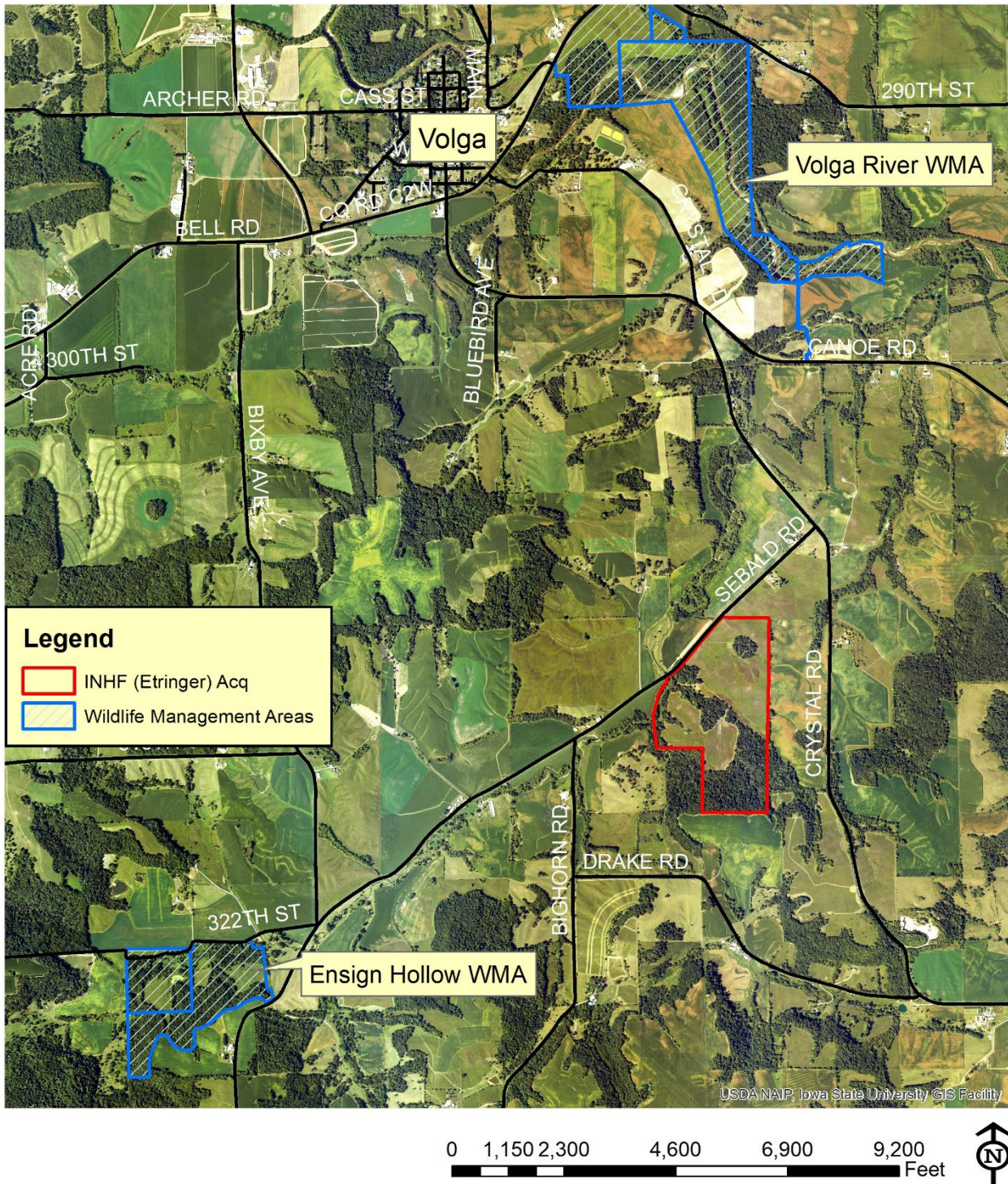
Purpose: The addition of the Etringer property will allow for the creation of a small complex of WMA's in this area of Clayton County. It will also provide recreational opportunities to multiple user groups and much needed habitat for many wildlife species. There are very few public areas in this region of the Clayton County having upland pheasant hunting opportunities and this property would greatly help fulfill the need. This property will be open to hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$77,000 Donate Land Value, \$822,750 Wildlife Restoration Land Grant, \$50,000 Dubuque Pheasants Forever, \$38,000 Clayton Pheasants Forever, \$25,000 Pheasants Forever State Council, \$10,000 Fayette Pheasants Forever, \$10,000 Delaware Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 Jones (Twin Rivers) Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 Black Hawk Pheasants Forever, \$ 5,000 Buchanan Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 North Butler Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 Lee Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 Clinton Pheasants Forever, \$34,250 Wildlife Habitat Stamp

Incidental Costs: Seller will retain CRP Payments for 2024 and 2025. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Property will remain on the Clayton County tax rolls.

Realty Services / Klingman Etringer WMA CLayton County / INHF (Etringer)



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

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 38 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$301,000

Appraised Value: \$301,000

Property Description: This irregular-shaped property is located one mile east of Tripoli in central Bremer County. This property will be a 38-acre addition to the Sweet Marsh WMA. This tract will provide an important grassland component to Sweet Marsh WMA. Sweet Marsh is home to many SGCN species including the listed central newt, Blanding's turtle, smooth green snake, red-shouldered hawk, and to a population of federally listed eastern massasauga. 94.78% of this property is located in the 100-year flood plain of the Wapsipinicon River. This tract is currently enrolled in two separate CRP contracts that will expire in 2025 and 2027. No buildings are present on this tract and access is from 170th St, a paved road.

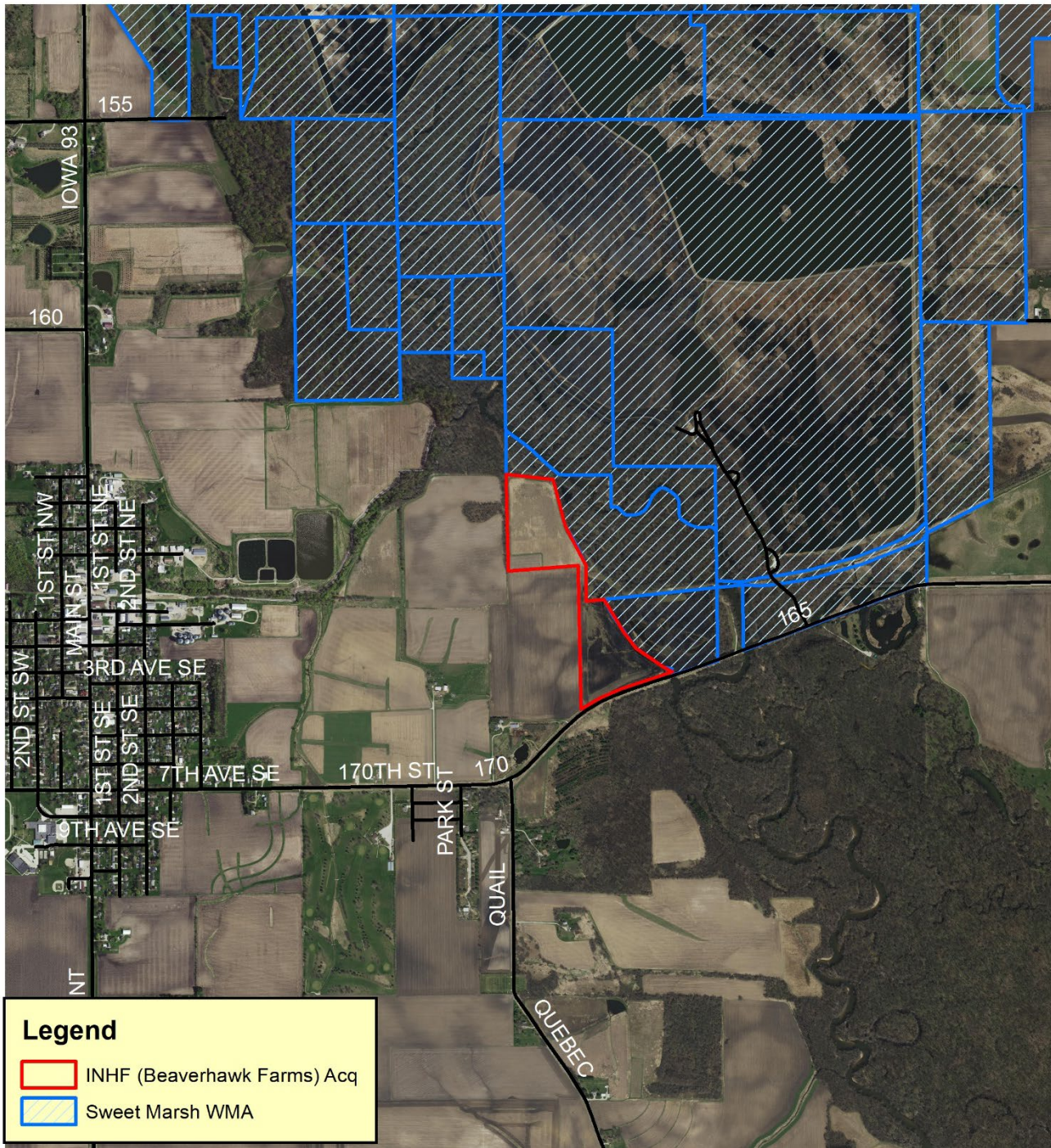
Purpose: This grassland habitat will be utilized by crawfish. The holes crawfish create are used by the federally listed Eastern Massasauga. Additionally, this acquisition will permanently provide a vegetated buffer to the ditch that borders the eastside of the property. Maintaining grassland on this property prevents soil runoff and nutrients from entering the ditch and in turn the Wapsi River from adjacent cropland. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$225,750 NAWCA, \$ 65,250 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$5,000 Bremer Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 Black Hawk Pheasants Forever

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Property will remain on the Bremer County tax rolls.

Realty Services / Sweet Marsh WMA
Bremer County / INHF (BeaverHawk Farms)



14.3 Hawk Valley WMA, 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 to Hawk Valley Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 40 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$198,000

Appraised Value: \$198,000

Property Description: This square-shaped property is located three miles east of Spencer in central Clay County. This property will connect two disjunct parcels of the Hawk Valley WMA. This property is split north to south on the west side of the property by the Little Sioux River. This property has a large oxbow located in the south east corner. There are 12 acres of bottomland timber and 21 acres of expired CRP ground. No buildings are present on this tract and access is from adjacent Wildlife Management Areas.

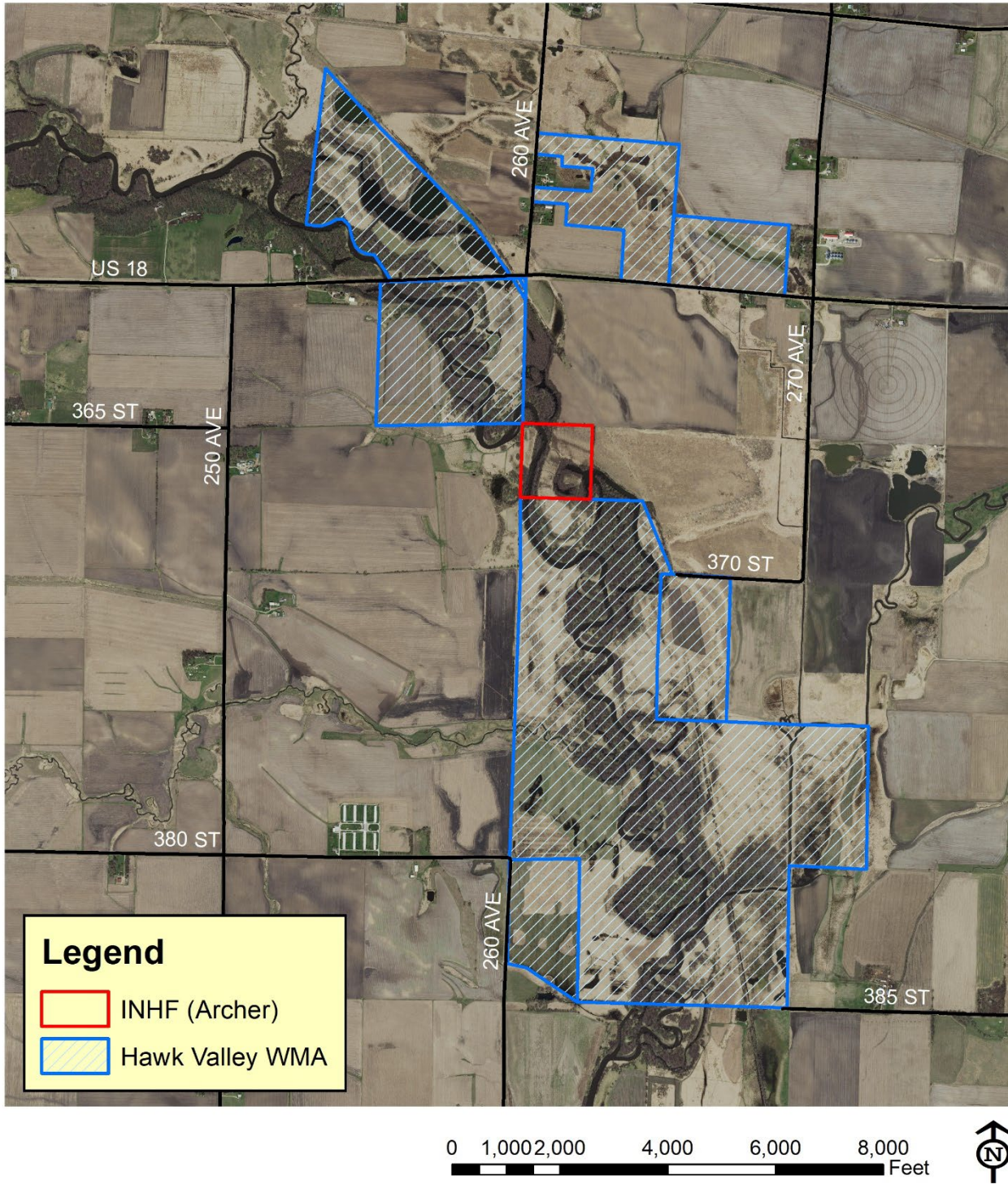
Purpose: This tract located within the Lost Island Outlet Ducks Unlimited Living Lakes Initiative Emphasis Area and a Northern Tallgrass Prairie Focal Area. A quarter mile of the Little Sioux River runs through the property. This stretch of the Little Sioux River has been designated as one of 5 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Protected Water Area (PWA). These areas were designated due to having outstanding cultural and natural resources values. Additionally, this property is located within a Habitat Conservation Plan Northern Long-eared Bat recovery watershed. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$198,000 REAP Protected Waters Area

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. Property will remain on the Clay County tax rolls.

Realty Services / Hawk Valley WMA
Clay County / INHF (Archer)



The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Woodbury County and will create Grant Center Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 200 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$1,122,700

Appraised Value: \$1,122,700

Property Description: This six-sided property is located four miles west of Smithland in south central Woodbury County. This property is located in the Loess Hill region of Iowa. This tract is composed of 126.75 acres of remnant prairie, 50 acres of oak timber/ savanna, and 40 acres of cropland. The 20 acres of cropland will be converted to native prairie, leaving 20 acres to be rotated in food plots. Access is provided by 335th Street, a gravel road. This tract has a dilapidated homestead that the unit staff will work to remove.

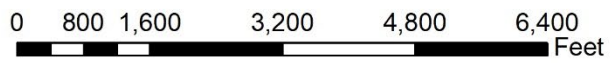
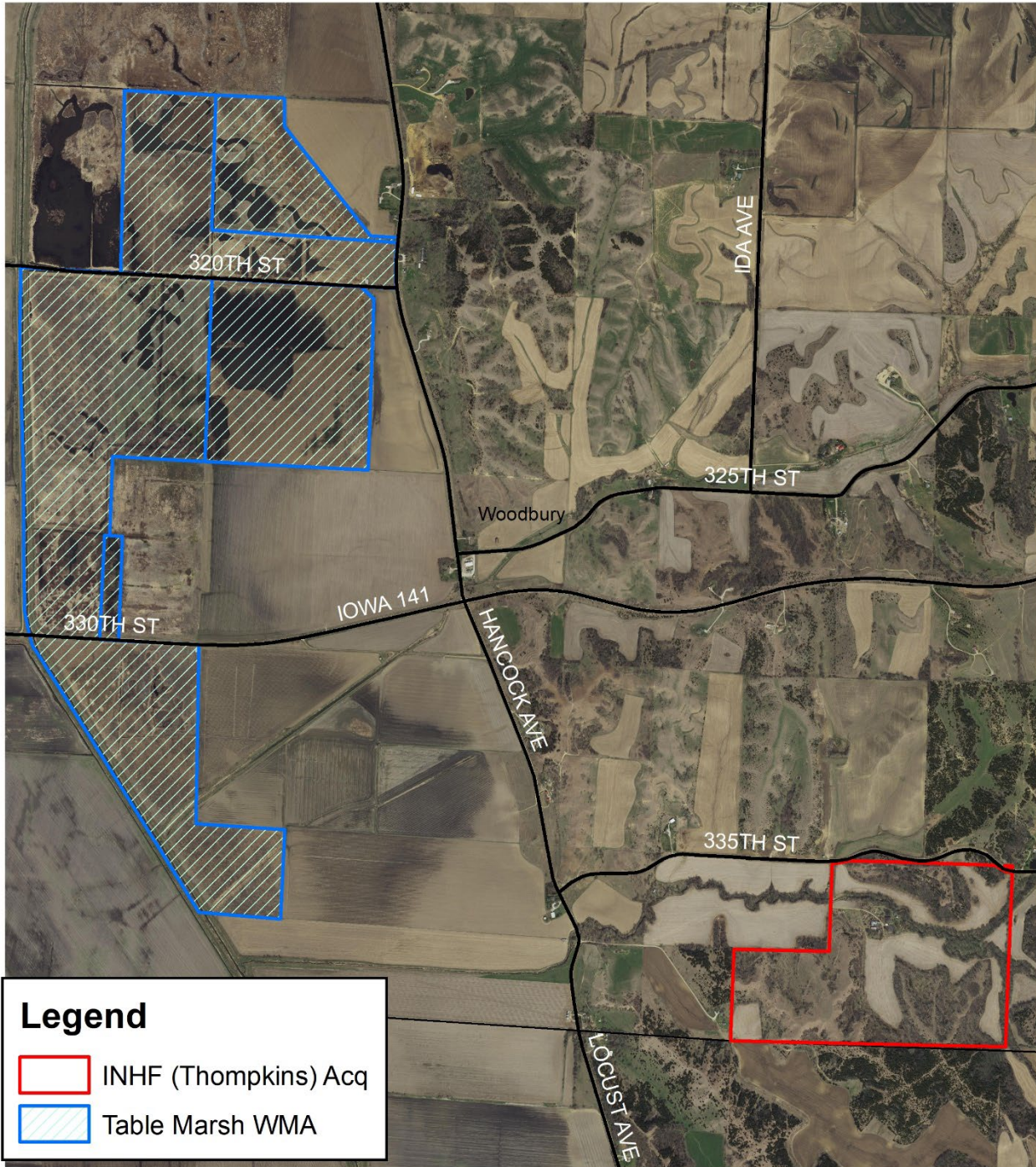
Purpose: This acquisition will protect 126 acres of remnant prairie in the Loess Hills. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$1,122,700 Wildlife restoration Land Grant,

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

Realty Services / Grant Center WMA
Woodbury County/ INHF (Thompkins)



Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: August 6, 2024

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Decision Item

15. Contract with Shive-Hattery, Inc.

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Shive-Hattery, Inc., of West Des Moines, State.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$99,300

Dates: August 7, 2024 to October 1, 2027

Funding Source(s): Parks Infrastructure

Contract Background: Backbone State Park has two wastewater treatment systems that will not meet their new NPDES permit discharge limits. The campground wastewater is treated by a three cell aerated lagoon system then discharged into the Maquoketa River. This system will not meet the new discharge limits for E. coli. The cabin and beach wastewater is treated by a sand filter then discharged to an unnamed creek. This system is not expected to consistently meet the new discharge limits for ammonia, dissolved oxygen, or E. coli.

Contract Purpose: In this contract, Shive-Hattery will develop construction bid packages to bring both of these systems into compliance with their updated discharge limits.

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

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

Proposal Due Date: 7/16/2024

of Proposals Received: 3

Recommendation: Shive-Hattery, Inc.

Consultant	Location (City, State)	Total Score (100 pts)
Shive Hattery	West Des Moines, IA	80
MSA	Dubuque, IA	62
Fehr Graham	Manchester, IA	56

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: August 6, 2024

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16. Contract with Custom Tree Care, Inc.

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Custom Tree Care, Inc. of Topeka, KS.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$1,127,850.00

Dates: August 15, 2024 to December 31, 2025

Funding Source(s): 100% Executive Council

Contract Purpose:

The Preparation Canyon Unit of Loess Hills State Forest (LHSF) experienced a catastrophic wildfire on April 13, 2023 known now as the Jones Creek Wildfire. Several environmental factors including; long-term drought, low relative humidity, high temperature and high sustained wind speeds combined to create wildfire conditions that led to large scale catastrophic damage and mortality of our trees. A total of 2,402 acres of LHSF were impacted by this wildfire. After a thorough inventory of the forested resources impacted, staff determined that a total of 568.3 acres of forest sustained catastrophic damage from this event. From public safety and ecological standpoints, the best course of action for managing these acres was determined to be tree removal which can be accomplished through salvaging economically valuable timber through timber sales and hiring a contractor to remove trees that have no economic value. Staff are in the process of marking and marketing the salvageable material through timber sales which will account for 217.2 acres total. The remaining 351.1 acres of deciduous and eastern red cedar trees will be removed using a contractor.

In this service contract, the contractor will complete 351.1 acres of tree, shrub and vine clearing as specified in the Request for Proposal by removing the dead and dying trees through approved methods and piling the material in approved locations.

Contract Tasks Include:

- **Task 1:** Contractor must clear all woody material greater than 1” in diameter on the large end from 249 acres. To prevent adverse soil impacts and erosion, DNR intends to limit equipment travel on slopes greater than 20% grade. Areas where DNR has determined slopes to exceed 20% grade are shown with red shaded polygon on the attached maps.
- **Task 2:** Cut, remove and pile approximately 102 acres of trees, shrubs and vines (here in referred to as “material”) damaged during the Jones Creek Wildfire. Clearing areas are designated on the attached map as Cedar in the callout boxes which also included data on the estimated burn severity and estimated acres. The majority of material in these areas is eastern red cedar trees.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website. Criteria reviewed for this work included the total cost for each specified task. The lowest bid for each task was accepted which both came from the same contractor.

Proposal Due Date: June 6, 2024

of Proposals Received: 4

Recommendation: Custom Tree Care, Inc.

Task 1:

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Rank	Cost
Custom Tree Care, Inc.	Topeka Kansas	1	\$794,310.00
Armodus, LLC	St. Paul, MN	2	\$988,530.00
Integrity Tree Services LLC	Grandville, MI	3	\$1,017,899.55
Lickity Split Firewood	Pisgah, Iowa	4	\$0

Taks 2:

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Rank	Cost
Custom Tree Care, Inc.	Topeka Kansas	1	\$333,540.00
Armodus, LLC	St. Paul, MN	2	\$455,940.00
Integrity Tree Services LLC	Grandville, MI	3	\$818,747.88
Lickity Split Firewood	Pisgah, Iowa	4	\$550,800.00

Sherry Arntzen, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

NRC Meeting Date: August 6, 2024