

# Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Hanson Nature Center

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**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**10:00 AM – NRC Business Meeting**

September 11 and 12, Winnebago County Tour

NRC Commissioners will be attending an optional tour of Rice Lake, Pilot Knob State Park and Pilot Knob WMA.

Members of the public wishing to attend the tour(s) should register with Alicia Plathe no later than 4:00pm on Monday, September 9, by emailing [alicia.plathe@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:alicia.plathe@dnr.iowa.gov)

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1.	Approval of Agenda Consent Agenda (*within agenda indicates proposed consent agenda item) *6. Contract with Kalkomey-Printing and Distribution of Fishing Regulations *9. Contract Amendment with Speedee Delivery Service, Inc.-Shipping and Delivery Service for the State Forest Nursery *10. Contract with Sitco LLC-Shimek State Forest Timber Sale *11. Contract with Dan Jones-Yellow River State Forest Timber Sale *12. Contract with Eric Freihage-Loess Hills State Forest Timber Sale *17. Public Land Management Projects (17-1-17.3)	Decision	Commission
2.	Approval of the Minutes	Decision	Commission
3.	Director's Remarks	Information	Kayla Lyon
4.	Division Administrator's Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
5.	FY 2026 Budget Request	Information	Jennifer Nelson
*6.	Contract with Kalkomey-Printing and Distribution of Fishing Regulations	Decision	Joe Larscheid
7.	Cooperative Grazing Agreement-Winnebago River Corridor	Decision	Todd Bishop
8.	Contract Amendment with Wedeking Construction Inc.-General Contracting for Great Lakes and Prairie Lakes WMAs	Decision	Todd Bishop
*9.	Contract Amendment with Speedee Delivery Service, Inc.-Shipping and Delivery Service for the State Forest Nursery	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
*10.	Contract with Sitco LLC-Shimek State Forest Timber Sale	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
*11.	Contract with Dan Jones-Yellow River State Forest Timber Sale	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
*12.	Contract with Eric Freihage-Loess Hills State Forest Timber Sale	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
13.	Contract Amendment with Iowa State University-Forestry Production Assistance, State Forest Nursery	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
14.	Contract with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation-Conservation Easement Assistants	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
15.	Small Construction Project-Mines of Spain SRA Asphalt Maintenance	Information	Travis Baker
16.	Large Construction projects	Decision	
16.1	Wildcat Den State Park, Pavilion Repairs	Decision	
16.2	Red Rock Wildlife Management Area, Coal Creek Wetland Restoration	Decision	
16.3	Hales Slough WMA, Pavement Preservation	Decision	
16.4	Elk Rock State Park, Pavement Preservation	Decision	

*17.	Public Land Management Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
17.1	Chapter 17 Lease Renewal — Randy & Betsy Olson – Dickinson County	Decision	
17.2	Management Agreement – Silver Lake Access – Dickinson County Conservation Board	Decision	
17.3	Permanent Roadway Easement Conveyance — Rice Lake State Park – Winnebago County		
18.	Public Land Acquisition Project- Upper Iowa River WMA, Winneshiek County – Daniel and Elizabeth Boissy	Decision	Travis Baker
19.	Contract with Dylan Wagner-Grassland Improvement Project, Fremont County and Mills County	Decision	Todd Bishop
20.	Rule on Requests to Supplement Record and Request for Stay in Contested Case-In the Matter of Dock Permit 17-9988-3, and Establish Briefing Schedule	Decision	
21.	General Discussion		
<p>Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, October 10, 2024, Boone County</li> <li>• Thursday, November 14, Des Moines</li> </ul>			

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<http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/BoardsCommissions/NaturalResourceCommission.aspx>

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**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**August 6, 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 August 6, 2024, via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees.

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Laura Foell (virtual)
- Tom Prickett (virtual)
- KR Buck
- Laura Kudej
- Marcus Branstad
- Uriah Hansen (virtual)
- Tammi Kircher

#### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following agenda items:

- Donations
- Public Land Management Projects (13.1-13.4)

*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 Tammi Kircher to approve the July 11, 2024, NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by KR Buck.*

*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 updated the Commissioners on the new features at the Iowa State Fair DNR building. Deputy Director Moon highlighted the courtyard landscaping project that includes a bio-retention cell, native plantings and permeable pavers. He also highlighted the new stage presentation platform as well as the new shooting range building.

#### DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth shared a variety of updates with the Commissioners regarding upcoming hunting seasons including squirrel, dove and the special Teal season. Mr. Hildreth also highlighted trapping season and notified Commissioners of an upcoming trapping course education series available to lowans.
- Division Administrator Hildreth also talked about the start of the August Roadside survey performed by Law Enforcement and Wildlife staff, and the Department’s new online reporting system for EHD sightings.

- Commissioners discussed the Crane Creek fish kill. Todd Coffelt, Legislative Liaison, provided a status update.

**CHAPTER 23-WILDLIFE HABITAT PROMOTION WITH LOCAL ENTITIES PROGRAM GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Todd Bishop requested Commission approval of grant recommendations for Humboldt, Mitchell and Clinton counties under the Wildlife Habitat promotion with local entities grant program.

**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 the Commissioners to approve the item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**EASEMENT CONVEYANCE, WINNESHIK COUNTY-STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

Jessica Flatt requested Commission approval for an easement conveyance with the State Historic Preservation Office as required by the National Historic Preservation Act. The easement is a part of structural restoration efforts in the Fort Atkinson Historic District.

**Public Comments – None**

**Written Comments – None**

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

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

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CONTRACT WITH DUCKS UNLIMITED INC. (GOOSE LAKE)**

Kelly Smith requested Commission approval for a contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc. for project management and construction at Goose Lake. The project includes cleaning out silted channels and lowering the water control structure by 2 feet. Mrs. Smith explained that the unnaturally high waters are limiting public use of the area as well as potential food sources for water birds.

**Public Comments – None**

**Written Comments – None**

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

*The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. Laura Kudej-abstain. Tammi Kircher-abstain due to her role as serving as one of the DU Board of Directors. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CONTRACT WITH DUCKS UNLIMITED INC. (PLEASANT AND LILY LAKES)**

Kelly Smith requested Commission approval for a contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc. for project management and construction and Pleasant Lake and Lily Lake. The project includes redoing the existing outlet structure on Lily Lake and cleaning out the drainage way between the two lakes.

**Public Comments – None**

**Written Comments – None**

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

*The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. Laura Kudej-abstain. Tammi Kircher-abstain due to her role as serving as one of the DU Board of Directors There were no nay votes. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CONTRACT WITH DUCKS UNLIMITED INC.-ENGINEERING SERVICE WITHIN THE PRAIRIE POTHOLE REGION OF IOWA**

Kelly Smith requested commission approval for a contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc. to perform engineering and feasibility assessments on shallow lakes and large marshes in the 35 County Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Region of Iowa. Commissioner Kircher announced the receipt of a large donation to Ducks Unlimited that will be available for future prairie work.

**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. Laura Kudej-abstain. Tammi Kircher-abstain due to her role as serving as one of the DU Board of Directors There were no nay votes. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-VIKING LAKE STATE PARK GRADING PROJECT**

Travis Baker presented a small construction project involving grading at Viking Lake State Park in preparation of a new campground, ADA sidewalk and ADA parking lot.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

**INFORMATION**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-MISSOURI RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project for road maintenance within the Missouri River Wildlife Management Unit.

**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. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-DOLLIVER MEMORIAL STATE PARK PAVEMENT PRESERVATION**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project for pavement preservation at Dolliver Memorial State Park.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Kudej 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**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-STORM LAKE MARINA PAVEMENT STRIPING AND REPAIR**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a pavement improvement project at Storm Lake Marina.

**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. KR Buck-abstain. Laura Foell-nay. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-BADGER CREEK SRA PAVEMENT PRESERVATION**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a pavement improvement project at Badger Creek State Recreation Area.

**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**

**LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-KLINGMAN ETRINGER WMA**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Clayton County that will create the Klingman Etringer Wildlife Management Area.

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

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-SWEET MARSH WMA**

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

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

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-HAWK VALLEY WMA**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Clay County adjacent to Hawk Valley 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-aye, KR Buck-aye, Laura Foell-nay, Laura Kudej-aye, Uriah Hansen-aye, Tom Prickett-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-GRANT CENTER WMA**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Woodbury County that will create Grant Center Wildlife Management Area.

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

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CONTRACT WITH SHIVE-HATTERY-CONSTRUCTION BID PACKAGES FOR BACKBONE STATE PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a contact with Shive-Hattery for engineering bid packages to replace the wastewater treatment systems and Backbone State Park.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Tammi Kircher 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**

**CONTRACT WITH CUSTOM TREE CARE, INC.-TREE REMOVAL AT LOESS HILLS STATE FOREST**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a contract with Custom Tree Care to remove trees, shrubs and vines damaged in the Jones Creek fire of 2023.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

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

*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 held a discussion on the status of Dickinson County infrastructure after the severe flooding event. Bureau Chief Sherry Arntzen gave an overview of the known damage and was happy to report that publicly managed properties that closed due to flooding have since reopened. Division Administrator Hildreth talked through the process of shoreline assessments for both public and private property affected by high water levels and shared the possibility of available federal funding to assist with shoreline re-establishment.
- Commissioners each took turns sharing a variety of updates about their recent experiences, including travels, hobbies, and outdoor experiences.
- Commissioner Hansen expressed interest in doing a ride-along with DNR staff as part of the August Roadside survey.

- Commissioner Buck provided a brief report out of his ride-along with Wildlife staff in NE Iowa.
- Commissioner Branstad thanked the DNR social media team for their posts regarding bat boxes in Iowa.

**ADJOURN**

*The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 10:52 am on August 6, 2024.*

**ADJOURNED**

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

**Information Item**

**5. FY 2026 Budget Request**

The Department is required to submit its annual budget request by October 1, 2024. According to guidance from the Department of Management, Executive Branch departments and agencies are instructed to submit a status quo budget request for Fiscal Year 2026.

<b>APPROPRIATION NAME</b>	<b>FY 25 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY 26 Department Request</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
Department Operations	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	\$0
State Park Operations	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
Floodplain Management	\$1,510,000	\$1,510,000	\$0
Forestry Health Management	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$15,535,000</b>	<b>\$15,535,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>ENVIRONMENT FIRST</u></b>			
Resource Enhancement and Protection	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$0
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$0
Water Quality Monitoring	\$2,955,000	\$2,955,000	\$0
GIS Data for Watershed Managers	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$0
Park Operations and Maintenance	\$6,235,000	\$6,235,000	\$0
Floodplain Management	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$0
Animal Feeding Operations	\$1,320,000	\$1,320,000	\$0
Water Supply Appropriation	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
<b>Total Environment First Fund</b>	<b>\$24,005,000</b>	<b>\$24,005,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>NON-GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
Fish and Wildlife Operations	\$51,404,790	\$51,404,790	\$0
Groundwater Fund	\$3,455,850	\$3,455,850	\$0
State Park Accessibility – Blufflands Fund	\$296,228	\$0	(\$296,228)
Snowmobile Transfer to Fish and Wildlife	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Total Non-General Funds</b>	<b>\$55,256,868</b>	<b>\$54,960,640</b>	<b>(\$296,228)</b>
<b><u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u></b>			
Lake Water Quality Improvements	\$9,600,000	\$9,600,000	\$0
Water Trails/Lowhead Dams	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0
Park Infrastructure Improvements	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0
State Park Infrastructure Accessibility	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
Community Forestry Grant Program	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Law Enforcement Radios	\$1,565,000	\$0	(\$1,565,000)
<b>Total Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund</b>	<b>\$18,915,000</b>	<b>\$17,350,000</b>	<b>(\$1,565,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>\$113,711,868</b>	<b>\$111,850,640</b>	<b>(\$1,861,228)</b>

Jennifer Nelson, Chief Financial Officer  
September 11, 2024

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission

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

**\*6. Contract with Kalkomey**

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Commission approval is requested for a service contract with Kalkomey, of Richardson, TX.

**Contract Terms:**

**Contract Amount:** \$25,500

**Contract Dates:** 09/20/2024 to 09/20/2025

*DNR shall have the option to extend this Contract for up to six years from the beginning date of the original contract by executing a signed amendment prior to the expiration of this contract.*

**Funding Source(s):** Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

**Contract Purpose:** Print 150,000 copies of the annual Iowa Fishing Regulations booklet and distribute it to approximately 800 locations (i.e. license sales vendors, natural resource agencies, and DNR locations). The DNR will provide the copy and artwork as well as the mailing list and quantities needed per address. The contractor will prepare a pre-press copy for DNR review and approval, print and package saddle stitch booklets, and ship the quantities designated to the identified locations.

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

- Proposal Due Date: Aug. 7, 2024
- Proposals Received: 3
- Recommendation: Kalkomey

Vendor	City, State	Amount
Mitera	Urbandale, IA	\$46,198
Sigler	Ames, IA	\$38,000
Kalkomey	Richardson, TX	\$25,500

Joe Larscheid, Fisheries Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
September 11, 2024

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

**Decision Item**

**7. Cooperative Grazing Agreement-Winnebago River Corridor**

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Commission approval is requested for a Cooperative Grazing Agreement with Winnebago County Conservation Board, Worth County Conservation Board, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for properties located within the Winnebago River Corridor in Winnebago and Worth counties.

**Location:** This Cooperative Grazing Agreement includes the following properties:

- **Brights Lake Wildlife Management Area** (IDNR; 520 acres) is located approximately 5 miles northeast of Lake Mills in Worth County.
- **Christianson-Taylor Wildlife Management Area** (Worth CCB; 326 acres) is located approximately 3 miles west and 3 miles north of Northwood in Worth County.
- **Hogsback Wildlife Area Annex** (Winnebago CCB; 54 acres) is immediately adjacent to Lande River Conservation Area and Hogsback Marsh Wildlife Management Area and is located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Lake Mills in Winnebago County.
- **Hogsback Marsh Waterfowl Production Area** (USFWS; 588 acres) is located approximately 5 miles north and 1 mile west of Lake Mills in Winnebago County.
- **Hogsback Marsh Wildlife Management Area** (IDNR; 671 acres) is located approximately 3 miles north of Lake Mills in Winnebago County.
- **Lande River Conservation Area** (Winnebago CCB; 422 acres) is located 2.5 miles west and 1.5 miles north of Lake Mills in Winnebago County.
- **Lost Cabin Wildlife Management Area** (Worth CCB; 142 acres) is located approximately 5 miles east and 3 miles north of Lake Mills in Worth County.
- **Northern Prairie Wildlife Management Area** (Worth CCB; 40 acres) is located approximately 5 miles northeast of Lake Mills in Worth County and is immediately adjacent to Brights Lake Wildlife Management Area, which is owned and managed by the DNR.
- **Winnebago County Home Farm** (Winnebago CCB; 568 acres) is located 4 miles south of Lake Mills in Winnebago County.

**Purpose:** All properties listed above are currently managed by the respective entities for upland and marsh habitats and all are open to public hunting. Many of these areas are reconstructed or restored grasslands currently facing management challenges such as expansion of cool-season grasses (e.g., reed canary grass, smooth brome) and woody encroachment. The goal of this agreement is to apply managed grazing to each property to accomplish specific management goals which include decreasing woody encroachment, decrease exotic cool-season grass expansion, increase native forb diversity, and increase structural heterogeneity.

The entities listed in this agreement have jointly determined that it is in the public interest to cooperatively manage the grazing on the above properties. This Cooperative Grazing

Agreement would allow the entities to implement managed grazing on a scheduled rotation using a single producer (identified through the DNR's Habitat Lease Program) to accomplish specific management goals. Cooperatively managing the grazing on these properties also allows for resting the grazed areas to allow vegetation to recover. This agreement is only for the mutual benefit of cooperatively grazing these acres. The management, care, and responsibility outside of this grazing agreement will remain with each respective entity.

**Agreement Term:** This Cooperative Grazing Agreement with Winnebago CCB, Worth CCB, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is for 10 years.

Todd Bishop  
Chief, Wildlife Bureau  
September 11, 2024

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission

Decision Item

**8. Contract Amendment-1 with** Wedeking Construction Inc.

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Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Wedeking Construction Inc., of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

**Amendment—1**

**Terms:**

**Amendment Amount:** \$ 250,000

**Amendment Dates:** November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2024

**Funding Source(s):** Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

**Amendment Purpose:** The Prairie Lakes and Great Lakes Wildlife Management Areas continue to have non-construction related general contracting needs across Dickinson, O'Brien, Osceola, Cherokee, Clay, Emmet, Palo Alto, and Kossuth Counties. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the current contract for an additional three years and to increase the contract amount to \$250,000 with a 20% increase in service rates. With this amendment we can continue to use Wedeking Construction Inc. to fulfill our non-construction related needs.

**Original Contract Purpose:** The purpose of this three year contract is for non-construction related general contracting services for Prairie Lakes and Great Lakes Wildlife Management Areas located in Dickinson, O'Brien, Osceola, Cherokee, Clay, Emmet, Palo Alto, and Kossuth Counties.

Services to be provided under this contract include:

- Brush and tree removal service including sheering, cutting, and piling
- Tile drainage blowouts and repairing services
- Dike, levee, and dam repairing services
- Boat channel vegetation removal services
- Placing rock and moving dirt services
- Culvert, corrugated metal pipe, and tile drainage installation services
- Repairing/installing water control structures
- Blading for repairing roads and access lanes

DNR staff will assign and oversee the tasks as outlined in the management plan. The Department has held previous contracts with this vendor for similar work since 2014.

**Original Selection Process:** A formal Request for Bid (RFB) competitive process was used which included posting to the Targeted Small Business website and the State of Iowa's public Bid Opportunities website. The RFB process requires the selection of the lowest responsible bidder.

**Contract History:**

**Original Contract Terms:** Amount \$ 100,000; Timeframe: November 15, 2021 to November 14, 2024

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

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission

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

**\*9. Contract Amendment 3 with Spee Dee Delivery Service, Inc.**

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Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Spee Dee Delivery Service, Inc, of St. Cloud, MN.

**Amendment-3 Terms:**

**Amendment Amount:** \$75,000

**Amendment Dates:** October 19, 2024 to October 18, 2025

**Funding Source(s):** Seedling sales

**Amendment Purpose:** The purpose of the amendment is to continue shipping services for delivering tree seedlings to customers. The State Forest Nursery ships around one million trees to customers within and outside of Iowa. Shipping costs are passed onto the customer for payment.

**Original Contract Purpose:** The State Forest Nursery has used Spee Dee Delivery for approximately 18 years. They have provided quality service at a reasonable rate. Other major delivery services will not ship the bagged tree packages and/or are unable to meet the low cost Spee Dee Delivery can provide. Spee Dee Delivery also charges a flat rate per package versus needing to have staff weigh and measure every bag to determine a shipping cost for each package.

**Original Selection Process:** The Department solicited quotes from targeted small businesses and also published an Informal Request for Quotes on the Department of Administrative Services website. Criteria in the RFQ included the ability to ship the material as bagged by the Nursery.

**Contract History:**

**Original Contract Terms:** Amount \$49,999; Timeframe: October 25, 2021 to October 24, 2022

**Amendment-1 Terms:** Amount: \$75,000; Timeframe: October 23, 2022 to October 22, 2023; Purpose: To extend the contract for the subsequent period.

**Amendment-2 Terms:** Amount: \$75,000; Timeframe: October 21, 2023 to October 20, 2024; Purpose: To extend the contract for the subsequent period.

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester, Forestry Section  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
NRC Meeting Date: September 11-12, 2024



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

**\*10. Timber Sale Contract with Sitco, LLC for Shimek State Forest**

Commission approval is requested for a timber sale contract with Sitco, LLC. of Dubuque, IA, for Shimek State Forest.

**Contract Terms**

**Income:** \$123,750.00

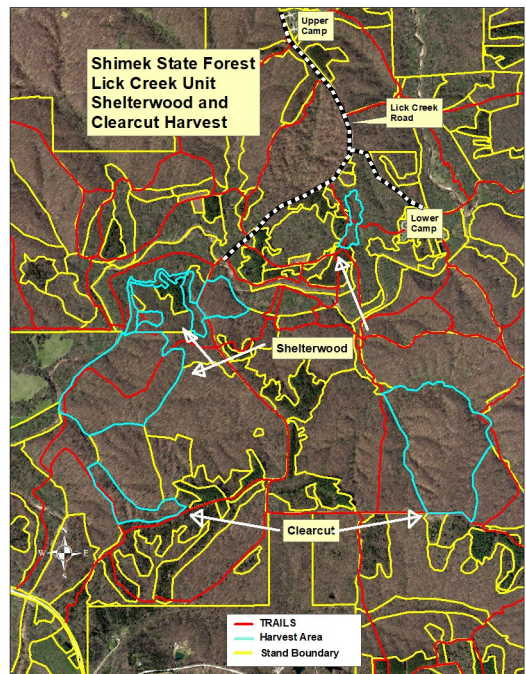
**Dates:** 10/01/24 to 03/31/26

**Fund Deposited to:** Conservation Fund - Forestry

**Contract Purpose:** This contract will facilitate a hardwood timber harvest of an estimated 188,410 board feet in 1,175 mixed hardwood trees at Shimek State Forest in Lee County. An even-aged management system will be used in accordance with the Shimek State Forest Management Plan to allow sunlight to stimulate the growth of oak seedlings already present on the site. A natural areas inventory was conducted and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest area. Harvesting and regenerating this stand will improve the overall health and vigor of the forest.

Wildlife den trees will be left standing. Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize soil disturbance. Skid trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the Stream Management Areas (within 50 feet of the adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.

**Selection Process Summary:** An informal bid process was completed. To be qualified, a timber buyer must have on file with the State of Iowa a bond meeting the requirements of Section 456A.36 of the Code of Iowa and Chapter 571-72 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The area forester and supervisor reviewed the bid proposals and the highest bid from the most responsive and responsible bidder was selected.



**Date bids received:** 8/19/24

**Number of Bids Received:**4

**Recommendation:** Sitco, L.L.C.

Bidder	City, State	Amount of Bid
Sitco, L.L.C.	Dubuque, IA	\$123,750.00
J.Kubitz Logging Inc.	Dubuque, IA	\$110,031.00
Yoder Sawmill, LLC	Bonaparte, IA	\$106,500.00
Hammes Brothers Sawmill, Inc.	Ollie, IA	\$103,609.00

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
September 11, 2024

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

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

**\*11. Timber Sale Contract with Dan Jones for Yellow River State Forest**

Commission approval is requested for a timber sale contract with Dan Jones of Waterville, IA, for Yellow River State Forest.

**Contract Terms**

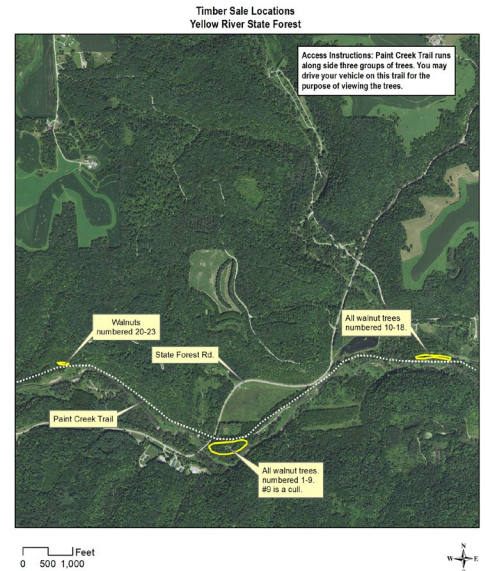
**Income:** \$127,035.00

**Dates:** 10/01/24 to 04/01/2026

**Fund Deposited to:** Conservation Fund - Forestry

**Contract Purpose:** This contract will facilitate a hardwood timber harvest of an estimated 124,448 board feet in 531 mixed hardwood trees at Yellow River State Forest in Allamakee County. An even-aged management system will be used in accordance with the Yellow River State Forest Management Plan to allow sunlight to stimulate the growth of oak seedlings already present on the site. A natural areas inventory was conducted and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest areas. Harvesting and regenerating these stands will help improve the overall health and vigor of the forest.

Wildlife den trees will be left standing. Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize soil disturbance. Skid trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the Stream Management Areas (within 50 feet of an adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.



**Selection Process Summary:** An informal bid process was completed. To be qualified, a timber buyer must have on file with the State of Iowa a bond meeting the requirements of Section 456A.36 of the Code of Iowa and Chapter 571-72 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The area forester and supervisor reviewed the bid proposals and the highest bid from the most responsive and responsible bidder was selected.

**Date bids received:** 8/14/26

**Number of Bids Received:** 5

**Recommendation:** Dan Jones

Bidder	City, State	Amount of Bid
Dan Jones	Waterville, IA	\$127,035.00
Jones Wood Heating and Logging	McGregor, IA	\$125,164.00
Meister Log & Lumber Co.	Reedsburg, WI	\$125,125.00
Kendrick, Inc.	Edgewood, IA	\$120,229.00
Brad Anthony Logging, LLC	Strawberry Point, IA	\$116,200.00

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
September 11, 2024

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
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**Decision Item** (\*indicates proposed consent item)

**\*12. Timber Sale Contract with Eric Freihage for Loess Hills State Forest**

Commission approval is requested for a timber sale contract with Eric Freihage of Pisgah, IA, for Loess Hills State Forest.

**Contract Terms**

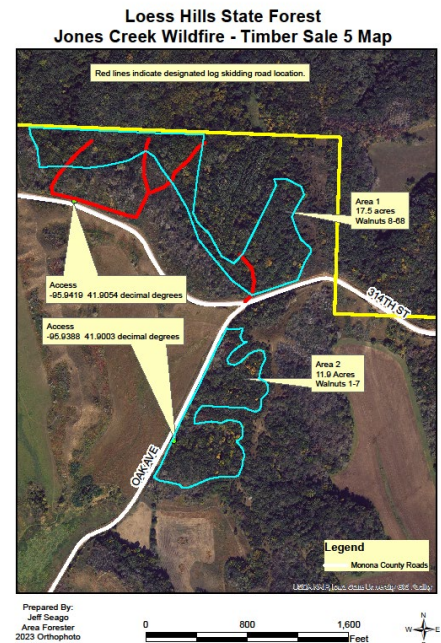
**Income:** \$51,800.00

**Dates:** 9/12/24 to 3/31/25

**Fund Deposited to:** Conservation Fund - Forestry

**Contract Purpose:** A timber sale will be used to salvage trees damaged or killed in the 2023 Jones Creek Wildfire. This contract will facilitate a hardwood timber harvest of an estimated 12,340 board feet in 68 black walnut trees at Loess Hills State Forest in Monona County. Seedlings will be planted following the harvest to supplement natural regeneration of bur oak and walnut. A natural areas inventory was conducted and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest area. Harvesting and regenerating this stand will improve the overall health and vigor of the forest.

Wildlife den trees will not be marked and will be left standing. Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize soil disturbance. Skid trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the Stream Management Areas (within 50 feet of an adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.



**Selection Process Summary:** An informal bid process was completed. To be qualified, a timber buyer must have on file with the State of Iowa a bond meeting the requirements of Section 456A.36 of the Code of Iowa and Chapter 571-72 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The area forester and supervisor reviewed the bid proposals and the highest bid from the most responsive and responsible bidder was selected.

**Date bids received:** 8/15/24

**Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Recommendation:** Eric Freihage

Bidder	City, State	Amount of Bid
Eric Freihage	Pisgah, IA	\$51,800.00
Lansing Forest Products, L.L.C.	Lansing, IA	\$39,815.00

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
September 11, 2024

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

**Decision Item**

**13. Contract Amendment 5 with Iowa State University**

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Commission approval is requested for a contract amendment with Iowa State University (ISU), of Ames, Iowa.

**Contract Amendment 5 Terms:**

**Amount:** Not to exceed \$200,000.00

**Dates:** October 15, 2024 to October 15, 2026

**Funding Source(s):** General Fund (State Forest Nursery Sales)

**Amendment 3 Purpose:** The purpose of the Contract Amendment is to add money to the Original Contract to complete the Original Tasks for an additional two years at the State Forest Nursery.

**Original Contract Purpose:** This contract created a partnership that allowed ISU students to assist in forestry production aspects at the DNR's State Forest Nursery (SFN) and provided them with experiential learning opportunities. Through work experience, these students had the opportunity to assist with nearly all aspects of the nursery operation, from lifting and grading seedlings to storage and distribution. In addition, students learned to identify, collect, and plant seeds as well as performed seedling maintenance and care.

The SFN, over the years, has explored economical options to assist with the labor and skill needed to operate the nursery. In 2020, as a pilot, the SFN hired ISU students as seasonal workers to assist with nursery operations. The pilot was successful and cultivated student and University interest. This partnership has provided a stable labor resource for the nursery and created a work experience for the students. ISU will promote and provide administration oversight for the students participating in the program. The DNR will provide instruction for the work being performed and oversight and coordination for the approximately 400 man-hours per week anticipated for the assigned work. Tasks in this contract include:

- Collection, harvest and grading of tree seedling stock: ISU will assist with all aspects of tree seedling identification, harvest, collection and grading of seedling stock for storage, stratification and distribution.
- Propagation, planting, locating of seed sources, collection of tree seeds: ISU will conduct activities associated with collection of seed stock, propagation, location of rare species, development of methods for new tree species production, maintenance and production of seedlings.
- Collection of Data: ISU will collect and document data on seed collection, processing, propagation, distribution and methodologies for submission to Iowa DNR.

The DNR will utilize the information gathered and analyzed in this contract to improve processes for tree seedling production, harvest, collection, grading, and to evaluate efficacies of different methods and standards used in tree seedling propagation.

**Selection Process Summary:** Contracting with Iowa State University is authorized under 11 Iowa Administrative Code section 118.4.

**Contract History:**

**Original Contract Terms:** Amount \$76,488.19.00; Timeframe: 10/12/2020 – 6/30/2021

**Amendment 1 Terms:** Amount \$43,502.66; Timeframe: 6/29/2021 – 10/15/2021

**Amendment 2 Terms:** Amount \$135,000.00; Timeframe: 10/15/2021-10/15/2022

**Amendment 3 Terms:** Amount \$50,000.00; Timeframe: 10/15/2022-10/15/2023

**Amendment 4 Terms:** Amount \$50,000.00; Timeframe: 10/15/2023-10/15/2024

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester

Conservation and Recreation Division

NRC Meeting Date: September 11, 2024

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**Decision Item**

**14. Contract with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF)**

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Commission approval is requested for a contract with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), of Des Moines, Iowa

**Contract Terms**

**Amount:** Not to exceed \$ 276,848.00

**Dates:** January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2027

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Funds (Forest Service) 75%; Partner Match (INHF) 25%

**Contract Purpose:** The DNR's purpose in entering into this Contract is for the DNR to provide funding for INHF to hire and employ up to two Conservation Easement Assistants for a period of up to two years.

The DNR Forestry Section manages the Forest Legacy program, aimed at permanently protecting forest land and critical wildlife habitat through the acquisition of conservation easements. INHF is an organization that works in concert with DNR to identify and protect environmentally important native forests and prairies across Iowa. The DNR and INHF have a long history of working together to advance shared priorities. INHF's purpose in entering into this Contract is to help achieve joint goals and objectives with DNR by employing up to two Conservation Easement Assistants.

The DNR will:

- provide the funding for the Conservation Easement Assistant(s) and will coordinate with INHF on the work performed by these individuals
- create priorities for each Conservation Easement Assistant and monitor day-to-day work.
- provide the Forestry Section structure within which the Conservation Easement Assistant(s) shall work.
- provide vehicles, computers, communications, and GIS support to each of the Conservation Easement Assistants

**Selection Process Summary:** The Department solicited quotes from targeted small businesses and also published a Request for Proposals. Criteria in the RFP included the ability to provide the services required to employ up to two Conservation Easement Assistants in partnership with the DNR.

**Proposal Due Date:** 5/17/2024

**Proposals Reviewed:** 1

**Recommendation:** Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF)

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
September 11, 2024

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**15. Construction - Small Projects**

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

<b>Bid Date</b>	<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Bids</b>
8/1/24	22-03-31-01	Mines of Spain SRA	Dubuque	Mines of Spain Road will have HMA Patching completed at 3 locations north of the Monument Drive intersection. Areas will have existing deteriorated asphalt removed, subbase prepped and new asphalt placed.	\$86,000	<b>\$20,410.40</b> \$68,458.13

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
NRC Meeting Date: 9/11/2024



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16. Construction Items

16.1. Wildcat Den State Park, Pavilion Repairs – 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.

The open pavilion with a large stone fireplace was constructed in the 1950's and is a popular place for picnics and social events. This pavilion has 17 wood columns which have deteriorated/rotted at the base and in need of repair. The concrete floor has cracked and settled causing tripping hazards. This project will cut off approximately 12" of the rotted wood columns and new concrete footings will be constructed along with a new concrete floor. Also, an ADA accessible parking space and a concrete sidewalk is being included with the project.



**Engineering Project #:** 20-06-70-04

**Cost Estimate:** \$65,000

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 100% REAP Land Management

**Bid Letting Date:** 07/18/2024

**Construction Completion Date:** 11/29/2024

**Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Bidders**

Triple B Construction	Wilton, IA	\$82,281.50
Goetz Concrete Construction Corp	Milan, IA	\$89,520.50

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

## 16.2 Red Rock Wildlife Management Area, Coal Creek Wetland Restoration – Warren County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Red Rock Wildlife Management Area is located around Red Rock Lake, near Knoxville. Red Rock WMA consists of over 32,000 acres of lake, marsh, timber, upland, and grass habitat. Game species in the area include deer, squirrel, pheasant, waterfowl, and dove.

This project is located in the Des Moines River floodplain, and is within the flood easement of Red Rock Lake. This project will add approximately 600 acres of critical habitat for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds by constructing a 2.1-mile long earthen dike with a 200-ft wide auxiliary spillway. Water levels will be controlled by a steel water control structure placed across Coal Creek.

**Engineering Project #:** 18-05-91-03

**Cost Estimate:** \$400,000

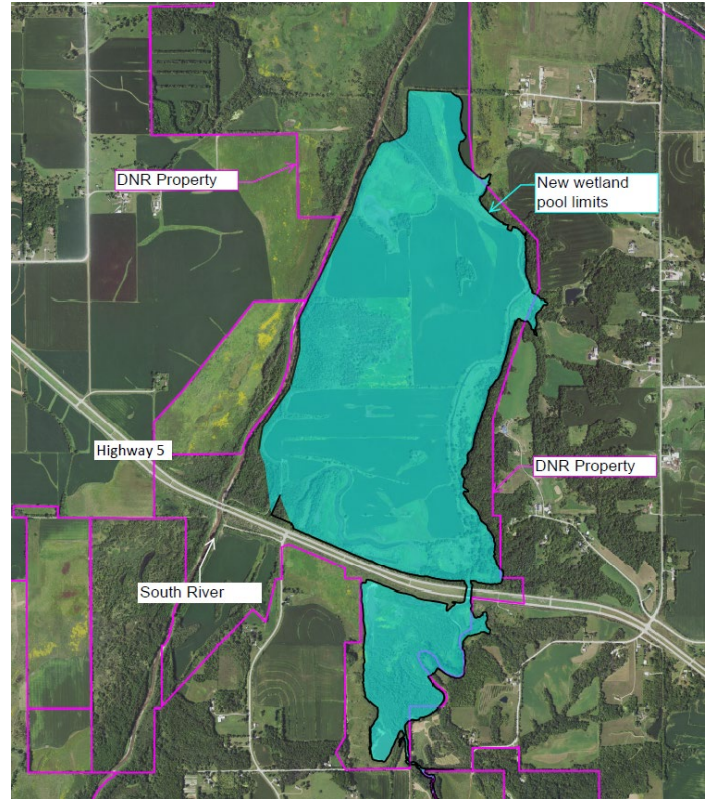
**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** 38% NAWCA Grant, 34% Habitat Lease Funds, 25% Private Donation - McGillvary Estate

**Bid Letting Date:** 8/22/2024

**Construction Completion Date:** 1/15/2025

**Number of Bids Received:** 4



### Bidders

RW Excavating Solutions, LC	Prairie City, IA	\$402,405.00
Denney Construction	Osceola, IA	\$438,935.75
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	Reinbeck, IA	\$496,901.50
Ardo Schmidt Construction, Inc.	Preston, IA	\$648,285.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to RW Excavating Solutions, LC.

**16.3 Hales Slough WMA, Pavement Preservation – Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Hales Slough WMA approximately 4 miles NE of Spirit lake. The 527-acre marsh and upland area provides habitat for pheasants and numerous species of waterfowl. The single road access to the area offers two boat ramps on Big Spirit Lake.

The existing culverts are rusted out. The portion of roadway above the culverts has settled due to the degradation of the existing culverts. New RCP (Reinforced Concrete Pipe) culverts will be installed to prevent this type of failure in the future. The centerline joint has deteriorated on some sections of the roadway. These bad areas will be removed and replaced. A bitumen fog seal will be applied to the entire roadway to slow the oxidation of the asphalt binder, and extend the life to the HMA pavement.



**Engineering Project #:** 22-01-30-02

**Cost Estimate:** \$110,000

**Operating Bureau:** Wildlife

**Funding Source:** 100% Parks and Institutional Road Fund

**Bid Letting Date:** 8/22/2024

**Construction Completion Date:** 5/21/25

**Number of Bids Received:** 2

**Bidders**

Beck Excavating Inc	Spirit Lake IA	\$89,692.05
Midwest Coatings Company Inc	Modale IA	\$168,961.68

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

## 16.4 Elk Rock State Park, Pavement Preservation – Marion County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Elk Rock State Park is located on Lake Red Rock which is Iowa's largest lake with over 15,000 acres of water. Elk Rock State Park consists of 800 acres along the reservoir. Park facilities include two campgrounds (equestrian and non-equestrian) with 87 camp sites, a four-lane boat ramp, and multi-purpose trails.

The existing paved roadways were constructed in the early 1970s and 1980s. Age and use has led to pavement oxidation, rutting, random and thermal cracking on the asphalt roads and washboards, potholes, and high shoulders on the gravel roads. Pavement preservation and maintenance items include the following: replacing culverts, patching, overlaying, crack cleaning/sealing and fog sealing 3.3 miles of asphalt pavement of varying widths and blading/shaping and placing rock on gravel roads and shoulders.



**Engineering Project #:** 25-05-63-01

**Cost Estimate:** \$474,000

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 99% Parks and Institutional Roads Fund, 1% Parks Infrastructure

**Bid Letting Date:** 8/22/2024

**Construction Completion Date:** 8/20/2025

**Number of Bids Received:** 2

### Bidders

Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC

Ottumwa, IA

\$316,576.81

TK Concrete, Inc.

Pella, IA

\$420,764.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

September 11, 2024

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**\*17. Public Land Management Projects**

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**17.1 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal — Randy & Betsy Olson – Dickinson County**

Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 Lease Number 44-R with Randy & Betsy Olson.

**Location:** The areas are four feet wide by sixteen feet long and an area three feet wide by twenty-eight feet long located adjacent to Lot 18, Block 35, Blue Water Beach Subdivision in Section 2, Township 99 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Dickinson County, Iowa.

**Site Purpose:** The site contains a deck that is attached to the dwelling and stairs that lead down to the lake area.

**Lease History:** The location has been under lease since 1983.

**Lease Fee and Term:** The annual fee is \$150 with a condition the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The term of the lease will be five years.

**17.2 Management Agreement – Silver Lake Access – Dickinson County Conservation Board**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the Dickinson County Conservation Board for the Silver Lake Access located in Dickinson County.

**Location:** This property is located on the south shore of Silver Lake in Section 33, Township 100 North, Range 38 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Dickinson County, Iowa.

**Site Purpose:** This 10-acre property is used for outdoor recreation, hunting, and lake access.

**Management History:** This property has been under a management agreement with Dickinson County Conservation Board since 1999. The previous Management agreement expired December 2023.

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

This agreement was approved by the Dickinson County Conservation Board on August 12, 2024.

**17.3 Permanent Roadway Easement Conveyance — Rice Lake State Park – Winnebago County**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve issuance of a permanent roadway easement to Winnebago County, IA for a historic road that runs on portions of Rice Lake State Park.

**Project Description:** The County of Winnebago wishes to acquire a permanent roadway easement for a road that runs along the southwest side of Rice Lake State Park. This road has historically been treated and maintained as a county road. Historic documents suggest a road easement but no easement has been found. This easement seeks to clear up the jurisdiction of the road.

The size of the easements will be 1.44 acres in total.

Local parks staff have reviewed the request and given their approval.

**Compensation:** Mutual benefit

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
NRC Meeting Date: September 11, 2024

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**Decision Item**

**18. Public Land Acquisition Project**

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**Upper Iowa River WMA, Winneshiek County – Daniel and Elizabeth Boissy**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Winneshiek County and is adjacent to Upper Iowa River Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

**Seller:** Daniel and Elizabeth Boissy

**Acreage:** 2.54 acres

**DNR Purchase Price:** \$12,000

**Property Description:** This rectangular shaped property is located seven miles northwest of Decorah in north central Winneshiek County. This inholding is bordered on three sides by Upper Iowa River WMA and to north by the Upper Iowa River. This forested tract will be added to the Forest Stewardship Plan for the area. This parcel is only accessible through the WMA and will clean up boundary issues and provide for easier management and public use.

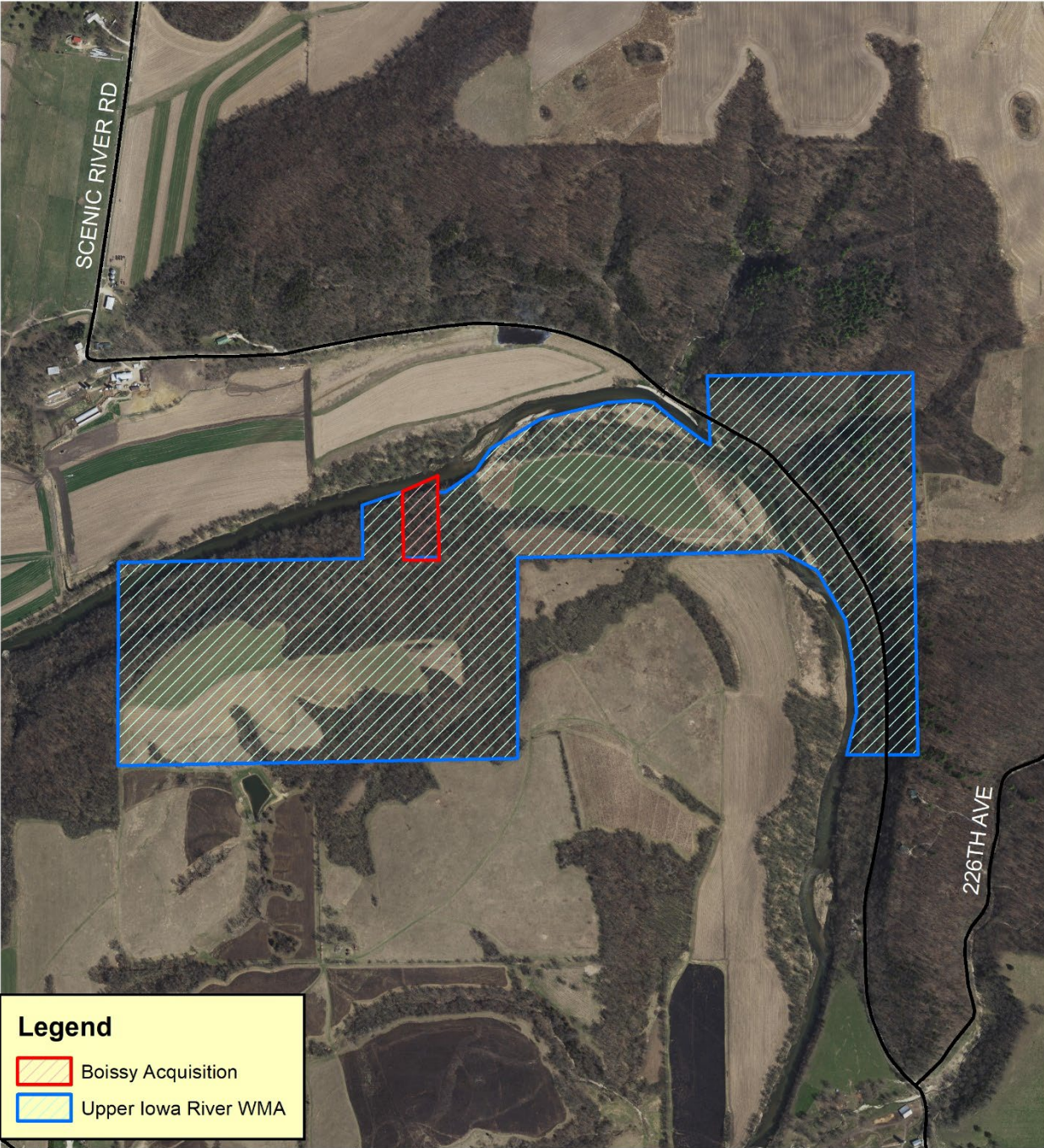
**Purpose:** This acquisition will protect 2.54 acres of high-quality forest and simplify the boundary, allowing for efficient management and public use. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

**DNR Property Manager:** Wildlife Bureau

**Funding Source(s):** Wildlife Habitat Stamp

**Incidental Costs:** Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. This parcel will remain on the Winneshiek County property tax rolls.

Realty Services/ Upper Iowa River WMA  
Winneshiek County/ Dan Boissy



**Legend**

-  Boissy Acquisition
-  Upper Iowa River WMA

0 375 750 1,500 2,250 3,000 Feet





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**19. Grassland enhancement involving tree/shrub mechanical removing by Dillon Wagner.**

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Commission approval is requested for a grassland enhancement project involving mechanical tree & shrub control on US Army Corps of Engineers St. Mary’s Island, Auldon Bar, and Copeland Bend Wildlife Management Areas in Mills and Fremont Counties.

**Contract Terms**

**Cost:** \$80,000

**Area Cleared:** 128 acres

**Dates:** 10/1/24 – 3/31/25 and/or 10/1/25 – 3/31/26

**Funding Source:** USACOE Habitat Lease Funds

**Contract Purpose:** Mechanically clear 128 acres of trees and shrubs at the St. Mary’s Island, Auldon Bar, and Copeland Bend Wildlife Management Areas. The goal of this management is to improve habitat for grassland dependent wildlife species.

Work will only occur from October 1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, to avoid negatively impacting northern long-eared bats and other species that use this woody habitat during the growing season.

**Selection Process Summary:** An informal bid process was completed and the lowest bid was accepted. Once bids were received, the acres to complete were adjusted to match available funds.

**Date bids received:** 8/9/24

**Number of Bids Received:** 5

**Recommendation:** Dylan Wagner

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>City, State</b>	<b>Amount of Bid</b>
Dylan Wagner	Van Meter, IA	\$623.27/ac.
CMD Landworks	Kingston, MO	\$961.87/ac.
O’Rourke Enterprises LLC	Hannibal, MO	\$1,918.00/ac.
Dakx Land Management LLC	Sidney, IA	\$2,266.67/ac.
Armodus LLC	Mondamin, IA	\$3,505.33/ac.

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