

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Teleconference: 442-242-3609 PIN: 883 789 392#

Video Conference: meet.google.com/sco-mbns-qva

6200 Park Avenue Ste 200, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Lake Darling Conf Room

Thursday, October 10, 2024

9:30 AM – NRC Business Meeting

October 10, Ledges State Park Tour

NRC Commissioners will be attending an optional tour of Ledges State Park following the business meeting. Members of the public wishing to attend the tour should register with Alicia Plathe no later than 4:00pm on Monday, October 7, by emailing alicia.plathe@dnr.iowa.gov

Public participation begins at approximately 10:00am. If you are unable to attend the business meeting, comments regarding agenda items may be submitted for public record to Alicia Plathe at Alicia.Plathe@dnr.iowa.gov or 6200 Park Ave Ste 200, Des Moines IA 50321 up to 24 hours prior to the business meeting.

1.	Approval of Agenda Consent Agenda (*within agenda indicates proposed consent agenda item) *6. Donations *8. Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Pier Pressure Marine IA Inc *11. Public Land Management Projects (11.1-11.4)	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.	Blood Run National Historic Landmark Update-Council of the Oneota Archival and Research Center (OARC)	Information	OARC Council
*6.	Donations	Decision	Pete Hildreth
7.	2025 NRC Meeting Dates and Tours	Decision	Pete Hildreth
*8.	Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Pier Pressure Marine IA Inc	Decision	Joe Larscheid
9.	Small Construction Project-Jetty Repair at Lake Darling State Park	Information	Travis Baker
10.	Large Construction projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	10.1 Volga River State Recreation Area	Decision	
	10.2 Lake Keomah State Park, Lake Restoration Project	Decision	
	10.3 Little Storm Lake, Pump Improvements	Decision	
	10.4 Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area, Pavement Preservation	Decision	
	10.5 Hawthorn Wildlife Management Area, Pavement Preservation	Decision	
*11.	Public Land Management Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	11.1 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal- SCF Fleeting, LLC. – Scott County	Decision	
	11.2 Management Agreement - Crelling Wildlife Refuge – Dallas County Conservation Board	Decision	
	11.3 Land Management Project- Easement for Public Highway– Clayton County	Decision	
	11.4 Contract-Sunderman Farm Management Company- Brushy Creek SRA	Decision	
12.	Public Land Acquisition Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
	12.1 Otter Creek WMA, Tama County-Frances Ford Meadow LLC	Decision	
	12.2 Sweet Marsh WMA, Bremer County-Gene Peters	Decision	

13.	Contract with Bolton and Menk-Shoreline Stabilization, Dickinson County	Decision	Travis Baker
14.	Contract with HDR, Inc.-Rathbun Hatchery Pond Liner Consultant	Decision	Travis Baker
15.	General Discussion		
Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thursday, November 14, Des Moines ● Thursday, December 12, Des Moines 			

For details on the NRC meeting schedule, visit:

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

Comments during the public participation period regarding proposed rules or notices of intended action are not included in the official comments for that rule package unless they are submitted as required in the Notice of Intended Action.

Any person attending the public meeting and has special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments should contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, English-language proficiency, disability, or age in the administration of its programs or activities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. DNR will not tolerate discrimination, intimidation, threats, coercion, or retaliation against any individual or group because they have exercised their rights protected by federal or state law.

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

September 11, 2024

**Video Teleconference
and
Wallace State Office Building**

Approved by the Commission **TBD**

RECORD COPY
File Name <u>Admin 01-05</u>
Sender's Initials <u>ap</u>

Table of Contents

Call To Order	2
Commissioners Present	2
Commissioners Absent.....	2
Public Participation	2
Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda	2
Agenda and Consent Agenda Approved as Presented	2
Approval of Minutes	2
Approved as Presented	2
Director’s Remarks.....	2
Division Administrator’s Remarks.....	3
FY 2026 Budget Request	3
Information.....	3
Cooperative Grazing Agreement-Winnebago River Corridor	3
Approved as Presented	3
Contract Amendment with Wedeking Construction Inc.-General Contracting for Great Lakes and Prairie Lakes WMAs. ...	3
Approved as Presented	4
Contract Amendment with Iowa State University-Forestry Production Assistance, State Forest Nursery.....	4
Approved as Presented	4
Contract with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation-Conservation Easement Assistants.....	4
Approved as Presented	4
Large Construction Project-Wildcat Den State Park, Pavilion Repairs.....	4
Approved as Presented	4
Large Construction Project-Red Rock Wildlife Management Area, Coal Creek Wetland Restoration	4
Approved as Presented	4
Large Construction Project-Hales Slough WMA, Pavement Preservation	4
Approved as Presented	5
Large Construction Project-Elk Rock State Park, Pavement Preservation	5
Approved as Presented	5
Public Land Acquisition Project-Upper Iowa River WMA, Winneshiek County- Daniel and Elizabeth Boissy.....	5
Approved as Presented	5
Contract with Dylan wagner-Grassland Improvement Project, Fremont County and Mills County	5
Approved as Presented	5
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.....	5
Approved as Amended	6
General Discussion.....	6
Adjourn	6
Adjourned.....	6

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission (Commission or NRC) was called to order by Acting Chairperson Tom Prickett at 9:00am on September 11, 2024, via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees. Mr. Prickett called for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

Mr. Prickett also thanked County Conservation Board Director, Chris Barber, for hosting the NRC meeting and asked Mr. Barber to provide a brief introduction of the facility.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

- Marcus Branstad
- Uriah Hansen

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following agenda items:

- Contract with Kalkomey-Printing and Distribution of Fishing Regulations
- Contract Amendment with Speedee Delivery Service, Inc.-Shipping and Delivery Service for the State Forest Nursery
- Contract with Sitco LLC-Shimek State Forest Timber Sale
- Contract with Dan Jones-Yellow River State Forest Timber Sale
- Contract with Eric Freihage-Loess Hills State Forest Timber Sale
- Public Land Management Projects (17.1-17.3)

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

The Acting 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 August 6, 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

- Director Lyon gave a summary of the DNR presence at the 2024 Iowa State Fair, noting approximately 10% of all fairgoers came in through the front gates of the DNR building. Director Lyon provided tours of the courtyard to the Governor, several Legislators and Fair Board members and reported positive feedback regarding the recent updates to the courtyard. Director Lyon shared results of the survey taken by visitors to the DNR building, in which respondents elected boating as their number one outdoor activity, followed by hiking, camping and fishing.
- Director Lyon gave an update on the NW Iowa shoreline surveying and additional steps the Department plans to take to determine if FEMA is able to fund some of the repair caused by the Spring 2024 flooding events.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth thanked the Winnebago County Conservation Board for their hospitality in hosting the September NRC meeting.
- DA Hildreth gave an update on his recent ride-a longs with Parks and Law Enforcement in NE Iowa, as well as the Campground Host event held at Walnut Woods State Parks.
- DA Hildreth informed Commissioners that the 2024 EO10 rules will be presented at the November Commission meeting.
- DA Hildreth announced the 100th anniversary celebrations for both Pilot Knob State Park and Ledges State Park.
- DA Hildreth concluded his remarks by providing an update of the 2024 Peregrine Falcon permit applications and falconry season dates.

FY 2026 BUDGET REQUEST

Jennifer Nelson presented the FY 2026 DNR Budget Request.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

INFORMATION

COOPERATIVE GRAZING AGREEMENT-WINNEBAGO RIVER CORRIDOR

Rob Patterson requested Commission approval for a cooperative grazing agreement in the Winnebago River Corridor. Mr. Patterson responded to questions about targeting Young Beginning Farmers for the grazing agreement. He also responded to questions about herd size selection and temporary fencing for the project.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WEDEKING CONSTRUCTION INC.-GENERAL CONTRACTING FOR GREAT LAKES AND PRAIRIE LAKES WMAs.

Todd Bishop requested Commission approval for an amendment to a contract with Wedeking Construction Inc., to continue general contracting services for the Great Lakes and Prairie Lakes WMAs.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

<i>Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as amended. Seconded by Laura Kudej.</i>
<i>The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the item by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.</i>

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY-FORESTRY PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE, STATE FOREST NURSERY

Jeff Goerndt requested Commission approval for an amendment to a contract with Iowa State University to continue to provide forestry production assistance and the State Forest Nursery in Ames.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION-CONSERVATION EASEMENT ASSISTANTS

Todd Bishop requested Commission approval for a contract with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for conservation easement assistants.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-WILDCAT DEN STATE PARK, PAVILION REPAIRS

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project to repair the pavilion at Wildcat Den State Park.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-RED ROCK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, COAL CREEK WETLAND RESTORATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project for Coal Creek Wetland restoration within the Red Rock WMA.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-HALES SLOUGH WMA, PAVEMENT PRESERVATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project for pavement preservation at Hales Slough WMA.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the item by saying aye. KR Buck-abstain due to involvement in a bid on the project. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-ELK ROCK STATE PARK, PAVEMENT PRESERVATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a pavement preservation project at Elk Rock State Park.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-UPPER IOWA RIVER WMA, WINNESHIK COUNTY- DANIEL AND ELIZABETH BOISSY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Winneshiek County adjacent to Upper Iowa River WMA.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH DYLAN WAGNER-GRASSLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FREMONT COUNTY AND MILLS COUNTY

Todd Bishop requested Commission approval for a contract with Dylan Wagner for a grassland improvement project in Fremont County and Mills County.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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

Acting Chairperson Tom Prickett, recommended to table agenda item number 20 and schedule a special meeting on the above requests in order to have the opportunity to go into closed session, as public noticed, to discuss the matter with the Attorney General’s office.

Public Comments--None
Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tom Prickett to table the ruling on the requests to supplement record and request for stay in the contested case in the matter of dock permit 17-9988-3, and to schedule a special virtual September meeting to discuss the matter. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

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

APPROVED AS AMENDED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Commissioners shared a variety of outdoor and family experiences.
- Commissioner Buck mentioned the Iowa Trapper’s Workshop that was held, noting good attendance. Commissioner Buck gave a report from his August Roadside survey ride along with DNR staff. He also reported that he is hearing positive feedback regarding the new deer hunting regulation which allows for some Landowner-Tenant tags to be transferrable to all open Iowa deer seasons, until filled. Commissioner Buck concluded his remarks by sharing his dove hunting experience and his experience at the DNR Iowa State Fair Building.
- Commissioner Kudej commented on the great use of the Winnebago camper at the Iowa State Fair. She also thanked Winnebago County Conservation for their willingness to host the September NRC meeting, and highlighted some local CCB parks, the local State Park, and the work done by the Friends of Pilot Knob.
- Commissioner Kircher shared a heartwarming experience about sharing nature thought butterfly sightings with her grandchildren.
- Commissioner Prickett shared about his connections to the land in Winnebago County and note the excellent public hunting opportunities. Commissioner Prickett also mentioned his family involvement in establishing Pilot Knob State Park.
- Commissioner Foell highlighted her family’s work donating large amounts of produce from their farm to a food pantry. Commissioner Foell shared about their harvest preparations, as well as recent hiking experiences where she also had Monarch sightings.

ADJOURN

The Acting Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 11:33 am on August 6, 2024.

ADJOURNED

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

September 17, 2024

**Video Teleconference
and
Wallace State Office Building**

Approved by the Commission **TBD**

RECORD COPY
File Name <u>Admin 01-05</u>
Sender's Initials <u>ap</u>

Table of Contents

Call To Order 2
Commissioners Present 2
Commissioners Absent..... 2
Public Participation 2
Rule on requests to supplement record and request for stay in contested case - In..... 2
the Matter of Dock Permit 17-9988-3 and establish briefing schedule (tabled from 2
September 11, 2024 meeting) 2
Adjourn 2
 Adjourned..... 2

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission (Commission or NRC) was called to order by Chairperson Marcus Branstad at 4:08pm on September 17, 2024, via video/teleconference.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

- Tammi Kircher
- KR Buck

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

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 (TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 MEETING)

Chair Branstad recommended that Commissioners go into closed session to deliberate with Counsel on the aforementioned requests, which relate to the contested case in the matter of dock permit 17-9988-3.

Motion was made by Tom Prickett to go into closed session. Seconded by Laura Foell.

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

Commissioners returned from closed session after 35 minutes of deliberation. Chair Branstad recommended that Commissioners request the Assistant Attorney General, Eric Dirth, to draft an order with the information discussed in closed session, to be signed by the Chair, and distributed to all interested parties within the next 1-3 business days.

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Tom Prickett.

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

ADJOURN

The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 4:45 pm on September 17, 2024.

ADJOURNED

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

Decision Item

***Item #6** (**indicates proposed consent item*)

Donations

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Fisheries	\$250	Donation of fishing equipment, fishing poles and an outdoor chair.	Pat Glasier
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$20	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in dedication to Harold Roberts.	Robert and Janice Shelton
Lake Macbride State Park	\$1,600	Memorial covered picnic table for Lake Macbride State Park.	Ben and Rebecca Wilcos
Parks and Forestry	\$100.00	Donation to the Parks and Forestry Fund in honor of Dave Youngblut.	Jessica Dunning
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Joe Keller.	Ara Keller

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

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

Decision Item

7. 2025 NRC Meeting Recommendations

Month	Meeting Date / Day / Time			Meeting Location (County)
January	01/9/25	Thu	9:30am NRC Business Meeting	Polk
February	02/12/25	Wed	7:30am Legislative Meet and Greet 10:30am Business Meeting	Polk
March	03/13/25	Thu	9:30am Business Meeting	Polk
April	04/10/25	Thu	9:30am Business Meeting	Polk
May	05/08/25	Thu	9:30am Business Meeting	Polk
June	06/11/25	Wed	12:00pm Business Meeting, Field Tour	Harrison/Monona
	06/12/25	Thu	9:00am Field Tour	Harrison/Monona
July	07/10/25	Thu	9:30am Business Meeting	Polk
August	08/14/25	Thu	9:30am Business Meeting	Polk
September	09/11/25	Thu	9:30am Business Meeting	Polk
October	10/8/25	Wed	12:00pm Business Meeting, Field Tour	Allamakee
	10/9/25	Thu	9:00am Field Tour	Allamakee
November	11/13/25	Thu	9:30am Business Meeting	Polk
December	12/11/25	Thu	9:30am Business Meeting	Polk

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: 10/10/24

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***8. Subrecipient Grant Agreement with** Pier Pressure Marine IA Inc

Commission approval is requested for an agreement with Pier Pressure Marine IA Inc.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$28,609

Dates: October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

Funding Source(s): USFWS, Clean Vessel Act Grant Program

Agreement Purpose: The USFWS Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Grant Program provides annual pass-through funding to States for pumpout stations and waste reception facilities to safely dispose of recreational boater sewage. This grant program was created under the Clean Vessel Act of 1992, Amendment to the Sport Fish Restoration Act to provide funding for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations used solely by boaters. The CVA Grant Program receives its funding from two percent of the annual appropriation from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The Act requires at least a 25 percent match from the applicant.

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

Funds granted will be used by Pier Pressure Marine IA Inc to replace its two aging and very slow dock side pump-out systems with state of the art, environmentally safe and secure systems. The updated pump-out facilities will help ensure good water quality in the Mississippi River while giving boaters a quick, easy and safe place to pump out their waste.

Recommendation: One application was received for this grant cycle. The USFWS has approved the CVA proposal submitted by Pier Pressure Marine IA Inc. The review committee (State agent/DNR, USFWS, DNR Federal Aid Coordinator) recommends entering into this agreement with the grant awardee, Pier Pressure Marine IA Inc.

Joe Larscheid, Fisheries Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: October 10, 2024

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

Information Item

9. 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
8/29/24	25-06-92-01	Lake Darling State Park	Washington	Place Class E rip rap on sides and end of jetty and place roadstone for jetty surfacing as shown in the plans. Restore all access routes to original condition including removal of any ruts, seeding, and fertilizing.	\$23,000	\$20,480.00 \$23,700.00 \$24,600.00 \$24,636.00

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

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

Decision Item

10. Construction Item

10.1 Volga River State Recreation Area – Fayette County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Volga River State Recreation Area is located approximately three miles northeast of Fayette. Volga River is 5,700 acres in size and offers recreation opportunities such as fishing, boating, hiking, equestrian trails, camping, hunting, and canoeing.

The existing paved roadways were constructed in the early 1980s. Age and use has led to pavement oxidation, rutting, and cracking. Pavement preservation and maintenance includes overlaying the 730-foot long asphalt park office road and patching the PCC roads throughout the park.



Engineering Project #: 23-03-33-02

Cost Estimate: \$174,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100% Parks and Institutional Roads Fund

Bid Letting Date: 9/19/2024

Construction Completion Date: 10/20/2025

Number of Bids Received: 6

Bidders

Bacon Concrete, LLC	Postville, IA	\$125,386.00
Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete LLC	Cascade, IA	\$129,405.58
Cedar Falls Construction Co., Inc.	Cedar Falls, IA	\$130,612.00
Matt Construction, Inc.	Sumner, IA	\$154,087.66
Tschiggfrie Excavating Co.	Dubuque, IA	\$183,314.06
Midwest Concrete Inc.	Peosta, IA	\$197,829.96

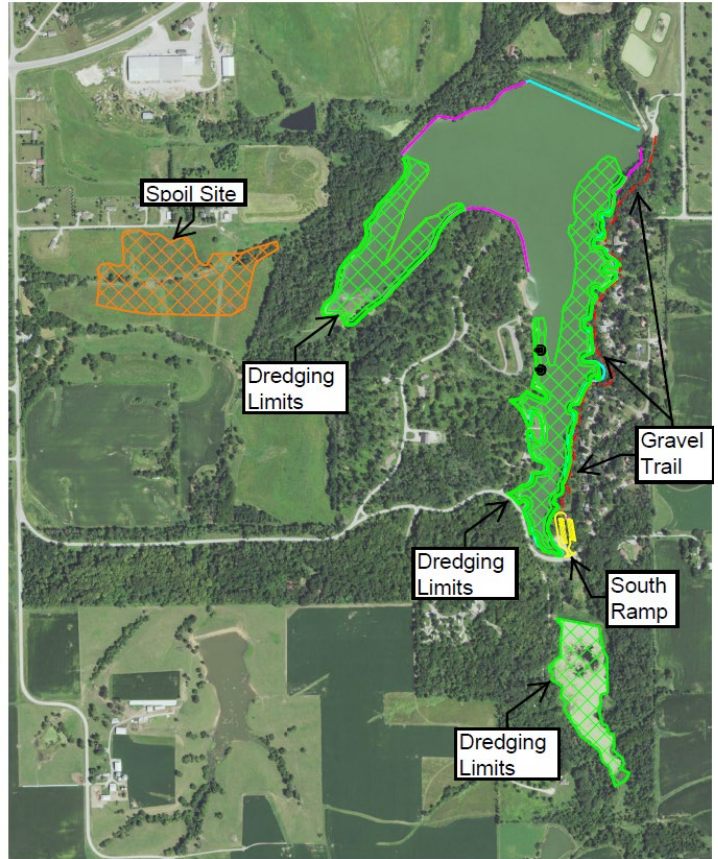
Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Bacon Concrete, LLC.

10.2 Lake Keomah State Park, Lake Restoration Project - Mahaska County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Lake Keomah is located about seven miles east of Oskaloosa and was dedicated in 1934. Amenities include an 84-acre lake, boat ramps, a beach, picnic areas, modern campground, a CCC-built day-use lodge, various fishing jetties, a fishing pier, and three-mile trail around the lake. The lake, which has a 25:1 watershed to lake area ratio, currently suffers from poor water quality and is impaired for high levels of bacteria, excessive algae, and periodic low concentrations of dissolved oxygen. The lake was drained in July in preparation for this project

With the lake down, the contractor will use typical heavy earthmoving machinery (bulldozers, scrapers, excavators, dump trucks, etc.) to remove approximately 351,000 cubic yards of deposited sediment and native soils from the lake and the up-stream sediment pond. Excavated material will be hauled and placed in a spoil site located immediately west of the lake, which will be permanently seeded into prairie. 11,000 linear feet of shoreline will receive rock armoring. Two new fishing jetties will be constructed south of the beach area to improve angler access. Underwater fish habitat reefs will be constructed adjacent to shoreline-accessible fishing areas. The south boat ramp and gravel parking lot will be removed and replaced with a new ramp, expanded concrete parking lot, and a pit latrine. The existing trail between the south boat ramp and north boat ramp will be surfaced with gravel. The drawdown valve for the lake is scheduled to be closed on February 15, 2026, to catch spring rain runoff. Park facilities will remain open during construction.



Engineering Project #: 20-05-62-03

Cost Estimate: \$4,500,000.00

Operating Bureau: Lake Restoration, Parks, Fisheries, & Wildlife

Funding Source: 70% Lake Restoration, 22% Marine Fuel Tax, 6% REAP, 2% Parks Infrastructure

Bid Letting Date: 9/19/2024

Construction Completion Date: 5/21/2026

Number of Bids Received: 8

Bidders

JB Holland Construction, Inc.	Decorah, IA	\$3,773,686.35
Cornerstone Excavating, Inc.	Washington, IA	\$4,133,170.80
DeLong Construction, Inc.	Washington, IA	\$4,160,986.05
Three Oaks Construction, Inc.	North Sioux City SD	\$4,412,859.47
RW Excavating Solutions, LC	Prairie City, IA	\$4,461,055.50
CJ Moyna & Sons, LLC	Elkader, IA	\$4,513,866.00
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	Reinbeck, IA	\$5,939,566.75
Legacy Corporation of IL	East Moline, IA	\$7,378,295.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to JB Holland Construction, Inc.

10.3 Little Storm Lake, Pump Improvements – Buena Vista County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Storm Lake is a shallow natural lake with a surface area of 3,104 acres and a watershed to lake ratio of 5:1. Little Storm Lake is located immediately northwest of the main lake and consists of open water and wetland habitat. Approximately 70% of the water from the watershed flows through Little Storm Lake before entering the main lake. Therefore, when in a healthy vegetated state, this area can prevent much of the sediment and nutrients from entering Storm Lake.

A dike system, water control structure, pump, and fish barrier were added in 2011 and created the ability to promote and maintain a higher quality wetland above the main lake. However, given the existing state and capabilities of the infrastructure staff is no longer able to effectively manage for control of rough fish and water movement and certain components need major repair/replacement to reestablish full operation. This project consists of installing a precast water control structure at the north end of the wetland, replacing the existing pump system, retrofitting a fish screen on the outlet structure, and minor grading and rock placement.



Engineering Project #: 24-01-11-03

Cost Estimate: \$336,000

Operating Bureau: Land and Waters

Funding Source: 100% Lake Restoration

Bid Letting Date: 9/19/2024

Construction Completion Date: 10/1/2025

Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

Midwest Concrete and Excavating, LLC	Letcher, SD	\$336,312.75
John Healy dba Healy Excavating	Lake View, IA	\$341,067.50

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to John Healy dba Healy Excavating.

10.4 Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area, Pavement Preservation – Linn County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Cedar Rapids. The area includes a 410-acre lake and more than 1500 acres of public land that provides a variety of outdoor recreation activities.

The purpose of this project is to improve the water quality of Pleasant Creek Lake and consists of constructing five sediment ponds in drainage basins upstream of the lake. Sediment ponds improve water quality by reducing the amount of sediment and other pollutants by allowing them to settle out prior to reaching the lake. These sediment ponds will be constructed in the watershed using earthfill borrowed from within the proposed pool. The construction access routes and tops of the dams will be incorporated into a trail system. Three of the ponds will be deep enough and hold enough water to stock with fish.



Engineering Project #: 19-06-57-03

Cost Estimate: \$540,000

Operating Bureau: Lake Restoration

Funding Source: 100% Lake Restoration

Bid Letting Date: 9/19/2024

Construction Completion Date:
9/19/2025

Number of Bids Received: 11

Bidders

Boomerang Corp of Iowa	Anamosa, IA	\$315,477.80
Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete LLC	Cascade, IA	\$458,227.50
Shift General Contracting	Cedar Rapids, IA	\$471,603.50
Hatch Grading & Construction Inc	Dysart, IA	\$478,082.25
Connolly Construction Inc	Peosta, IA	\$489,213.30
Triple B Construction	Wilton, IA	\$498,672.50
JB Holland Construction, Inc	Decorah, IA	\$555,814.20
Peterson Contractors Inc	Reinbeck, IA	\$587,811.55
C J Moyna & Sons LLC	Elkader, IA	\$676,342.80
Three Oaks Construction Inc	Sioux City, SD	\$986,983.04
Tschiggfrie Excavating Co	Dubuque, IA	\$1,160,986.60

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Boomerang Corp of Iowa.

10.5 Hawthorn Wildlife Management Area, Pavement Preservation – Mahaska County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Hawthorn Lake WMA is a remote area located 1 mile south of Barnes City on V13, approximately 23 miles NE of Oskaloosa. The 1773-acre area is ½ upland, ½ timber and has a 182-acre lake with a maximum depth of 29 feet. Hawthorn Lake WMA provides habitat for deer, squirrel, dove, pheasant and rabbit. The area is popular for hunting, fishing, hiking and bird watching.

Of the three roads in the WMA, two are paved and one is rock. This project will focus on the paved portion of the WMA. The existing Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) roadways, which serve two of the three boat ramps to the lake, have a large number of transverse joint failures (thermal cracking) and some longitudinal cracking as well. This project will seal up existing small cracks, and will then place a 2-layer bituminous seal coat (chip seal) on all the existing HMA roadways. The 2-layer seal coat will eliminate the majority of the roadway failures caused by the thermal cracking.



Engineering Project #: 20-05-62-04

Cost Estimate: \$110,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: 100% Parks and Institutional Road Fund

Bid Letting Date: 9/19/2024

Construction Completion Date: 8/31/2025

Number of Bids Received: 1

Bidders

Manatts Inc.

Brooklyn, IA

\$127,759.45

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

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

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Natural Resource Commission

Decision Item (* indicates proposed consent item)

*11. Public Land Management Projects

11.1 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal, SCF Fleeting, LLC – Scott County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 Lease (Lease for use of state-owned Land) Number 15-N with SCF Fleeting, LLC.

Location: The lease area consists of 650 feet of river frontage by 200 feet of depth, located at River Mile 469.5 in Section 19, Township 77 North, Range 2 East, Scott County.

Site Purpose: The site is used as a repair facility and barge unloading area. The leased area is occupied by a sheet pile seawall and a dock string of barges 3-long by 1-deep.

Lease History: The location has been under lease since 1977.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$7,800 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.

11.2 Management Agreement, Crellin Wildlife Refuge – Dallas County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the Dallas County Conservation Board for the Crellin Wildlife Refuge located in Dallas County.

Location: This property is located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter lying West of the Middle of the North Raccoon River in Section 24, Township 80 North, Range 28 West of the 5th P.M., Dallas County, Iowa

Site Purpose: This 15.5-acre property is used for outdoor recreation. Hunting is not allowed on this property

Management History: This property has been under a management agreement with Dallas County since 1987. This property was a donation and does not have public access other than via the river.

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

This agreement was approved by the Dickinson County Conservation Board on September 10, 2024.

11.3 Land Management Project, Easement for Public Highway – Clayton County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve an easement for public highway at North Cedar WMA in Clayton County, Iowa.

Project Description: Clayton County is requesting an Easement for Public Highway to facilitate the realignment of Ivory Road bridge. A portion of the existing road right of way easement will be vacated as part of this process. The easement will be .506 acres. Local management staff have reviewed the request and given approval.

Compensation: \$3,289.00

11.4 Contract, Sunderman Farm Management Company – Brushy Creek SRA

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the contract with Sunderman Farm Management Company of Fort Dodge, Iowa for Farm Management Services at Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year; \$50,000 full contract value

Dates: 10/11/24 to 9/30/29.

DNR shall have the option to extend this Contract for total of 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): Brushy Creek SRA Operations

Contract Purpose: The purpose of the habitat management lease program is to enhance habitat for wildlife on Public Wildlife and Recreation Areas, thereby providing recreational opportunities to the public. Utilization of a habitat lease provides practices which are essential to successful wildlife habitat and vegetation management and reduces associated operating expenses. In 1987 the DNR began a pilot project at Loess Hills Forest to explore the use of private farm managers to assist foresters and wildlife biologists with the administration of the agricultural leasing system to improve efficiency of the system and to reduce the operating expense of the wildlife habitat management. These leases cover approximately 1,000 acres on brushy Creek State Recreation area and includes both row crop and hay land leases.

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

Proposal Due Date: 9/12/2024

Proposals Received: 1

Recommendation: Sunderman Farm Management Company

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

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

Decision Item

12. Public Land Acquisition Project

12.1 Otter Creek WMA, Tama County – Frances Ford Meadow LLC

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

Seller: Frances Ford Meadow

Acreage: 15 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$20,000

Property Description: This rectangular shaped property is located 2 miles northwest of Chelsea in southeast Tama County. This property is bordered to the north and portions of the east by Otter Creek WMA. This property is located in the floodplain of the Iowa River. This parcel has 12.26 acres of scattered forest and 2.74 acres of the Iowa River. Protecting both sides of the riverbank while providing habitat and hunting opportunities is a priority of this complex.

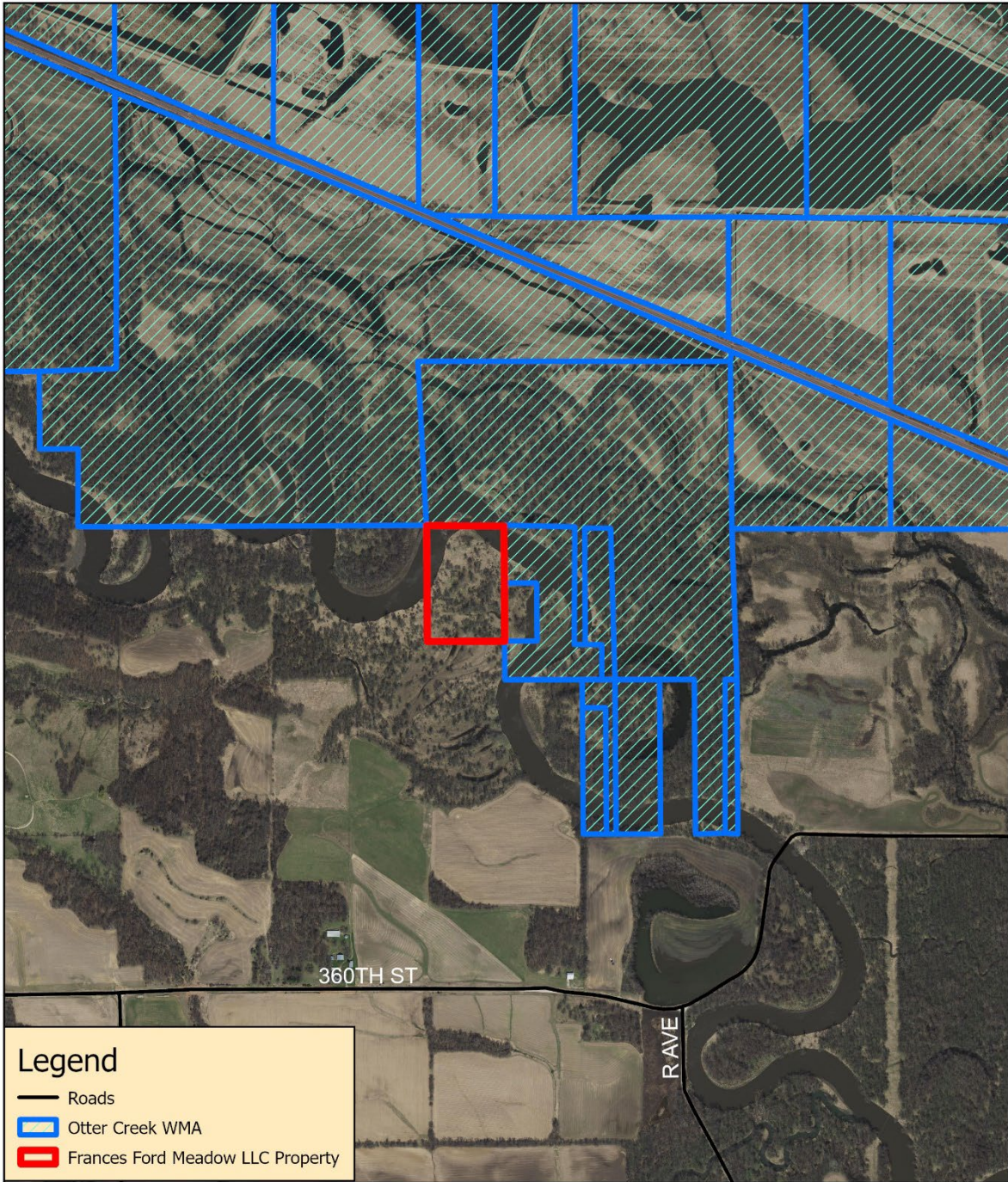
Purpose: This acquisition will protect 15 acres of Iowa River floodplain. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$20,000 Wildlife Habitat Stamps

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

Realty Services/ Otter Creek WMA
Tama County/ Frances Ford Meadow LLC



Legend

- Roads
- ▭ Otter Creek WMA
- ▭ Frances Ford Meadow LLC Property

0 0.1 0.2 0.4 Miles



12.2. Sweet Marsh WMA, Bremer County – Gene Peters

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

Seller: Gene Peters

Acreage: 5.5 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$23,650

Property Description: This rectangular shaped property is located less than 1-mile northeast of Tripoli in central Bremer County. This property is bordered to the east by Sweet Marsh WMA. This forested tract has a slightly higher elevation with a shagbark hickory and oak component that provides important food and shelter for many wildlife species. The forested acres will become part of the Sweet Marsh Forest Wildlife Stewardship Plan and will be managed accordingly.

This property has a permanent easement for a multi-use trail on it held by the City of Tripoli. The City of Tripoli is responsible for the maintenance of the trail. With the increasing demand for ADA accessible recreational opportunities, this trail will help to provide those opportunities.

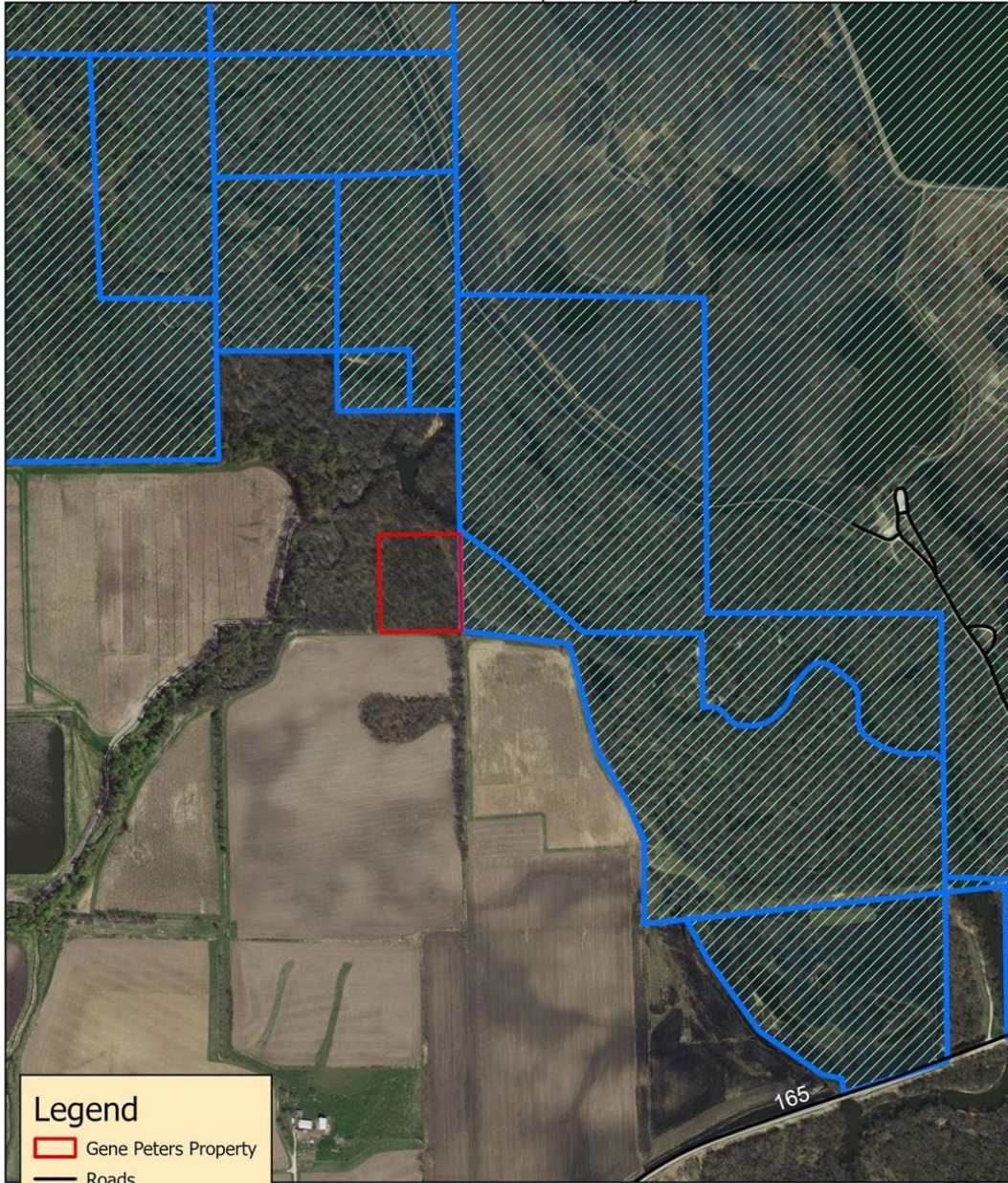
Purpose: This acquisition will protect 5.5 acres of high-quality forest and provide additional ADA accessible opportunities. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$23,650 Wildlife Habitat Stamps

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

**Realty Services/ Sweet Marsh WMA
Bremer County/ Gene Peters**



Legend

- Gene Peters Property
- Roads
- Sweet Marsh WMA

0 0.07 0.15 0.3 Miles



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

Decision Item

13. Contract with Bolton and Menk (Shoreline Stabilization)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Bolton and Menk of Spencer, IA.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$559,922.75

Dates: October 10, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Funding Source(s): Lake Restoration Program

Contract Background: Due to historic flooding during June of 2024, a number of bank collapses have occurred along lake shorelines in Dickinson County, Iowa. Specifically, West Okoboji Lake, East Okoboji Lake, Big Spirit Lake and Silver Lake. The number of collapses and scale of this event is significant and the result of a combination of high water and storm events, which destabilized the toe (base) of the bank, and a heavy rainfall event that saturated soils on the lakeshore.

The DNR completed an inventory of all the major shoreline collapses. Over 60 miles of shoreline were assessed by boat, and all the collapses were measured and photographed. Sixty-six bank collapses of varying severity were inventoried. It is estimated that nearly 2,600 feet of shoreline on West Okoboji, East Okoboji, Silver Lake, and Spirit Lake were impacted.

Shoreline erosion can result in diminished water quality and habitat for wildlife. Sedimentation alters the ecosystem by removing or damaging plants that the fish need for food and spawning, bringing pollutants from the soil eroded into the water from the shore, and causing the water to lose clarity. Shoreline erosion also creates other issues, aside from impacting the lake environment. For example, there is potential damage to near-shore buildings and other infrastructure and safety concerns.

Contract Purpose: The DNR is entering into this Contract with Bolton and Menk, an engineering consulting company, for engineering services for the design of shoreline stabilization practices, located at public lakes located in Dickinson County, Iowa that experienced flood related shoreline erosion.

The purpose of this contract is to complete Phase 1 services toward the planning, design, engineering, and permitting to stabilize sixty-six locations of erosion damage. Phase 1 will include defining the extent of the damage at each of the locations, landowner coordination, providing a summary on the proposed construction and stabilization methods, including the identification of any potential construction easements, recommendations on how to split the work into 2-3 bid packages in order to expedite stabilization work, a summary of the design and construction schedule, including permitting, a preliminary construction estimate of probable costs and assisting in a public meeting.

At the completion of Phase 1, which requires developing a design report that defines the limits of the damage and provides a recommendation for repair work; and, at the sole discretion of the Department, the Department will make a determination on moving forward with services related to implementation of Phase 2, developing construction bid packages that efficiently stabilize the erosion damage.

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

Proposal Due Date: 9/23/2024

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

Proposals Received: 2

Recommendation: Bolton and Menk

Consultant	Location (City, State)	Total Score (100 pts)
Bolton and Menk	Spencer, IA	69
Houston Engineering	Omaha, NE	47

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

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Commission

14.

Decision Item

Contract with HDR, Inc. (Rathbun Hatchery Pond Liner Consultant)

Commission approval is requested for a contract with HDR, Inc.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$243,000.00

Dates: October 15, 2024 to January 1, 2026.

Funding Source(s): 75% Federal DJ, 25% F&W Trust Fund

Contract Background: Rathbun Hatchery has sixteen synthetically-lined fish-rearing ponds that were constructed in 1998. Mechanical equipment, such as the liners, valves, and electric aerators, have experienced typical wear and tear and need replacement.

Contract Purpose: In this contract, HDR, Inc. will develop a design, plans, specifications, and a construction bid package to replace the existing equipment. The DNR will facilitate the bidding and contracting process, and will inspect the construction work. HDR, Inc. will be retained during construction to answer questions that may arise during equipment installation.

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 professional experience, past performance on similar projects, capacity, comprehensive work plan, and cost.

Proposal Due Date: 9/15/2024

of Proposals Received: 5

Recommendation: HDR, Inc.

Consultant	Location (City, State)	Total Score (100 pts)
HDR, Inc.	Des Moines, IA	85
Shive Hattery	West Des Moines, IA	75
Flatwater Group	Lincoln, NE	71
Envirotech Engineering	Oklahoma City, OK	55
MSA Professional Services	Dubuque, IA	62

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