



LINN COUNTY, IOWA CONSERVATION BOARD



Our Purpose:

To build on the historic success of acquiring, developing, maintaining, and making available county parks, preserves, playgrounds, forests, wildlife, and other conservation areas; to promote and preserve the health and general welfare of the people; to encourage the orderly development and conservation of natural resources; to cultivate quality of life by providing programs of public recreation.

(Modified excerpts from Chapter 350, Code of Iowa)

Our Vision: To improve community through people, parks, trails, and open spaces.

Our Mission – we strive to accomplish our vision through our mission:

- To provide outdoor recreation experiences*
- To promote health and wellness*
- To protect natural resources*
- To increase environmental awareness*
- * To support economic development*
- * To strengthen safety and security*
- * To foster human development*
- * To strengthen community image & sense of place*

Monday, May 20, 2019

Wickiup Hill Learning Center

10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341

12:00 P.M. (Noon)

- Call to order / roll call** – quorum / open meeting compliance.
- Public comment** – this is an opportunity for the public to address topics on today's agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are routine and will be considered by one motion without individual discussion unless the Board removes an item for separate consideration.

- C1. Approve minutes of the April 22, 2019 monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2019-11.
- C3. Receive and place on file the April 2019 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the April 2019 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. Gift #25-2019 – Monetary contribution (\$435) from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation – Anderson Family Donor Advised Fund for easement monitoring.
- C6. Approve FY 2020 road seal coat program and authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract with L.L. Pelling for the seal coat applications.
- C7. Approve purchase of a batwing mower from the FY19 equipment budget.
- C8. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide regarding selection of WHKS for consulting and planning for the Pinicon Ridge Park low head dam modification project and authorize the Board President to sign the contract. (Gibbins/Kanz)
- R3. Discuss and decide regarding a North American Wetland Conservation Act grant agreement for wetland construction at Buffalo Creek Natural Area and Matsell Bridge Natural Area and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. (Goemaat)

- R4. Discuss and decide regarding a North American Wetland Conservation Act grant agreement for wetland construction at Wickiup Hill Natural Area and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. (Goemaat)
- R5. Discuss and decide regarding approving an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for funding through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for funding the Highway 100 Trail from 42nd Street NE to the Cedar River and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. (Burke)
- R6. Discuss Director performance evaluation and compensation review process. (Goemaat/Board)
- R7. Board member / staff reports – Board members and staff may report and/or discuss meetings or activities in which they have been involved. (Conservation Board & staff)
1. Ryan Schlader – Community Outreach and Marketing.
 2. Updates:
 - a. Trail requests for proposals for professional services: (Randy Burke)
 - i. Highway 100 Trail
 - ii. Dows-Maniti Trail
 - b. Strategic Planning Update (Gibbins)
 - c. Grants – Morgan Creek Park Development
 - i. LAWCON - \$150,000 – awarded (Schlader)
 - ii. Community Attraction and Tourism - \$500,000 request (Gibbins)
 - iii. Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy – RISE (Goemaat)
 - iv. Friends fundraising (Gibbins)
 - d. Hiawatha dog park (Gibbins)
- R8. Public comment – This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board on any subject pertaining to Conservation Board business. **Note: There will be no Board discussion, decisions, and/or other board action related to these matters at this time.**
- R9. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Strategic Planning – Special meeting on June 6 noon to 2:00 PM at Prairie Oak Lodge
2. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference – September 17 - 19, 2019 - Muscatine, Iowa
3. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation – September 23-26, 2019 - Baltimore, Maryland