



**LINN COUNTY, IOWA
CONSERVATION BOARD**



**Monday, July 20, 2020
Squaw Creek Park
Meadowlark Shelter, 2001 Big Bluestem Circle, Marion, IA 52302**

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 June 22, 2020 monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures - Claims list # 2021-1.
- C3. Receive and place on file the June 2020 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the June 2020 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. Gift #47-2020 - Monetary donation (\$1,200) from Mark and Erin Churchill for a memorial bench for Molly.
 - 2. Gift #48-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$300) from Diane Reilly for a Legacy Tree at Morgan Creek Park.
 - 3. Gift #1-2021 - Monetary contribution (\$50) from Steve Schrader for undesignated support.
 - 4. Gift #2-2021 - Monetary contribution (\$5,000) from ITC Midwest for support of the Morgan Creek park redevelopment project.
- C6. Authorize staff to purchase tables for the Wapsi Bluff Shelter at Pinicon Ridge Park.
- C7. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide on resolution #2020-8 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for pond construction at Squaw Creek Park, Project #26-19E. (Burke)
- R3. Discuss and decide on authorizing staff to place orders for the following items related to the Morgan Creek Park redevelopment project: (Burke)
 - a) A Cedar Forest Products shelter.
 - b) Three Huffcut restrooms.
- R4. Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for repairs to a culvert on the Hoover segment of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail near Ely and authorizing the Director to sign the contract. (Burke)
- R5. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing staff to sign a contract with Jim Schroeder Construction for the Morgan Creek Park trail project, Project 2-20. (Burke)
- R6. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2020-9 authorizing staff to submit a planning grant proposal to the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Highway 100 Cedar River bridge (Biechler Bridge). (Burke)

- R7. Discuss and decide on authorizing the Director to sign a contract with LL Pelling for extending asphalt surfacing from the Wapsi Bluff Shelter to the Pinicon Ridge Park entrance. (Burke)
- R8. Discuss and decide on authorizing staff to continue efforts toward renaming Squaw Creek Park including submitting an application for a name change to the US Board on Geographic Names. (Goemaat)
- R9. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2020-10, application for funding assistance from the State Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant program through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources concerning the acquisition of 37 acres (more or less) of land. (Gibbins)
- R10. 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. Covid-19 Response Update
 - b. Community Attraction and Tourism Grant update (Gibbins)
 - c. Prairie planting at Squaw Creek Park/naming suggestion (Gibbins)
 - d. Gift and Legacy program update (Gibbins)
 - e. August Conservation Board meeting date (August 17) and location
- R11. 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.**
- R12. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference - September 16 -18, 2020 - Ames, Iowa
2. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation - October 26-29, 2020 - Orlando, Florida - Cancelled