



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, August 26, 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 July 22, 2019 monthly and strategic planning meetings and the August 15, 2019 planning meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures - Claims list # 2020-2.
- C3. Receive and place on file the July 2020 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the July 2020 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. Gift #2-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$250) from City of Hiawatha in support of the Morgan Creek Park Redevelopment Project - Phase 1.
 - 2. Gift #3-2020 - Donation of an acorn collection machine from Dale Peterson for use in the natural resource program.
 - 3. Gift #4-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$50) from George Kanz in support of the Morgan Creek Park Redevelopment Project - Phase 1.
 - 4. Gift #5-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$250) from Kathy & Dennis Goemaat in support of the Morgan Creek Park Redevelopment Project - Phase 1.
 - 5. Gift #6-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$10) from Daniel Gibbins in support of the Morgan Creek Park Redevelopment Project - Phase 1.
 - 6. Gift #7-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$250) from Kim & Sandra Colberg in support of the Morgan Creek Park Redevelopment Project - Phase 1.
 - 7. Gift #8-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$50) from Bob Hoyt in support of the Morgan Creek Park Redevelopment Project - Phase 1.
 - 8. Gift #9-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$5,000) from ITC Midwest in support of the Morgan Creek Park Redevelopment Project - Phase 1.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)

- R2. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing staff to purchase a roller compactor. (Goemaat)
- R3. Discuss and decide regarding bids received for the Pinicon Ridge Park Scenic Overlook Shelter (Project #4-19) and authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract with the selected contractor. (Randy Burke)
- R4. Discuss and decide regarding creating a Nature Center Director position to replace the education specialist vacancy as a result of retirement. (Gibbins)
- R5. Discuss and decide regarding a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Conservation Board and ConnectCR for project support and timing of payment and authorizing the Board President to sign the MOU. (Goemaat)
- R6. Discuss and decide regarding a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Conservation Board and Monarch Research Project for the 2020 pollinator zone plantings. (Gibbins)
- R7. Discuss and decide regarding directing staff to investigate the addition of an archery range into the county conservation system. (Hanson)
- R8. Discuss and decide regarding development of an award to be presented by the Conservation Board to an outstanding conservation partner at the quinquennial bond celebration. (Hanson)
- R9. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Executive Director to sign a contract with Shive-Hattery Engineering for design of the Morgan Creek Park/Highway 100 Trail design and engineering. (Burke)
- R10. Discuss and decide regarding using bond funds for the North Cedar Natural Area addition acquisition. (Goemaat)
- R11. 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. Community Attraction and Tourism Grant update (Gibbins)
 - b. Strategic Planning Update (Gibbins)
 - c. 1,000-acre Pollinator Zone Initiative Award (Goemaat)
 - d. Bird Friendly Iowa Program (Kellogg)
- R12. 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.**
- R13. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation 40th Anniversary Celebration - August 28, 2019
2. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference - September 17 - 19, 2019 - Muscatine, Iowa
3. Linn Landowner Forum - Sunday, September 29
4. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation - September 23-26, 2019 - Baltimore, Maryland