



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, September 16, 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 August 26, 2019 monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures - Claims list # 2020-3.
- C3. Receive and place on file the August 2020 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the August 2020 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. Gift #10-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$25) from Nancy Ritter in support of Wickiup Hill Learning Center.
 - 2. Gift #11-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$1,200) from Mary Zahrt to purchase a bench for Morgan Creek Park arboretum.
 - 3. Gift #12-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$1,200) from Krysti Carlson to purchase a memorial bench for Morgan Creek Park.
 - 4. Gift #13-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$5,000) from Diamond V Mills Corporate Donor-Advised Fund of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for Morgan Creek Park redevelopment.
 - 5. Gift #14-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$2,000) from Altorfer Corporate Donor-Advised Fund of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for Morgan Creek Park redevelopment.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report.
- C7. Report out of closed session - Acquisition of 10.4 acres from Ralston Farms as an addition to North Cedar Natural Area.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing staff to purchase a tractor and side-mount mowing unit. (Goemaat)
- R3. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2019-13, authorizing a grant application for funding assistance from the **Iowa Federal Recreational Trails** grant program through the Iowa

Department of Transportation for the Cedar Valley Trail construction and paving (phase 5, segment 2), Project #1-20. (Randy Burke)

- R4. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2019-14, authorizing a grant application for funding assistance from the **Water Recreation Access** grant program through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for repairs to the North Cedar Natural Area boat ramp. (Randy Burke)
- R5. Discuss and decide concerning authorizing the Director to sign an agreement for archaeological investigation at Morgan Creek Park related to the park development and trail projects. (Randy Burke)
- R6. Discuss and decide regarding approving a grant agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for funding the Highway 100 Trail from E-Avenue north through Morgan Creek Park and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. (Randy Burke)
- R7. Discuss and decide concerning awarding a contract for an oxbow restoration project at Morgan Creek Park and authorizing the Director to sign a contract with the selected contractor. (Randy Burke)
- R8. Discuss and decide concerning awarding a contract for geotechnical services 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)
- R9. Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for concrete work at Squaw Creek Park for a various projects and repairs. (Randy Burke)
- R10. Discuss and decide on accepting two conservation easements from YMCA Camp Wapsie on land adjacent to Paris Bridge Natural Area. (Goemaat)
- R11. Discuss and decide on approving a first right of refusal on an approximately 10-acre parcel of land adjacent to Paris Bridge Natural Area owned by YMCA Camp Wapsie. (Goemaat)
- R12. 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. Strategic Planning Update (Gibbins)
- R13. 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.**
- R14. Closed Session - The Conservation Board will go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of particular real estate in accordance with Section 21.5 (1)(j) of the Iowa Code.
- R15. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1. Linn Landowner Forum - Sunday, September 29
- 2. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation - September 23-26, 2019 - Baltimore, Maryland