



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, October 28, 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 September 16, 2019 monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures - Claims list # 2020-4.
- C3. Receive and place on file the September 2020 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the September 2020 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
 1. Gift #15-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$25) from Duane and Janet Hinker in memory of Betsy Jean Garlinghouse in support of Squaw Creek and Pinicon Ridge Parks.
 2. Gift #16-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$180) from Paul Garlinghouse in memory of Betsy Jean Garlinghouse in support of Squaw Creek and Pinicon Ridge Parks.
 3. Gift #17-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$20) from Angela Schwartz for support of Wickiup Hill Learning Center.
 4. Gift #18-2020 - Monetary contribution (\$300) from Iowa Master Naturalists for support of Wickiup Hill Learning Center.
- C6. Authorize staff to purchase and install two video projectors for the classrooms at Wickiup Hill.
- C7. Authorize staff to dispose of excess property in accordance with County policy.
- C8. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide regarding a residential lease for a dwelling at Pinicon Ridge Park. (Goemaat)
- R3. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Director to sign an annual agricultural lease for 157 acres of land at Squaw Creek Park. (Kellogg)

- R4. Discuss a draft agreement with the Iowa Northern Railway Company allowing the Highway 100 Trail to cross their rail line near Rock Island Preserve. (Goemaat)
- R5. Discuss and decide regarding approving a grant agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for funding through the Federal Recreation Trails Program (RTP) for funding the reconstruction and surfacing of the Cedar Valley Trail from Center Point to the Benton County line and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. (Randy Burke)
- R6. Approve project LCWLL-WQLP-018 using bond funds to make this 10-acre acquisition and authorizing the Board President to sign the project approval form. (Goemaat)
- R7. Discuss draft Conservation Board strategic plan. Phone conference with Sarah Clark, Institute for Conservation Leadership. (Board)
- R8. 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.
- R9. 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.**
- R10. 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.
- R11. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Conservation Board Budget Presentation to Board of Supervisors - January 15, 2020
2. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference - September 16 -18, 2020 - Ames, Iowa
3. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation - October 26-29, 2020 - Orlando, Florida