



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, January 22, 2018

WICKIUP HILL LEARNING CENTER

10260 MORRIS HILLS ROAD, TODDVILLE, IOWA 52341

12:00 P.M. (NOON)

- **Call to order / roll call** – quorum / open meeting compliance.
- **Conservation Board Appointment** - Oath of Office to Hillary Hughes (Emerson)
- **Public comment** – this is an opportunity for the public to address topics on today's agenda.
- **Meet & Greet** – Andrew Huck, Conservation Ecologist and Land Protection Specialist

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 December 21, 2017 regular monthly meeting and closed session.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2018-7.
- C3. Receive and place on file the December 2017 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the December 2017 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts:
 - 1. Gift # 18-2018, Dan & Lori Bailey – monetary donation (\$200) toward the Wandering Woods nature playscape at the Wickiup Hill Learning Center.
 - 2. Gift # 19-2018, Nancy Miers – monetary donation (\$150) to purchase a tree to be planted at Squaw Creek Park.
 - 3. Gift # 20-2018, Orlan Love – monetary donation (\$140) to support Linn County Water and Land Legacy bond projects.
 - 4. Gift #21-2018 – monetary donation (\$70,190.44) to support the Wickiup Wandering Woods Playscape and other activities at Wickiup Hill.
 - 5. Gift #22-2018 – monetary donation (\$300) to support Wickiup Hill Wandering Woods Playscape.

6. Gift #23-2018 – monetary donation (\$50) in memory of Linda Scarth to support educational activities at Wickiup Hill Learning Center.

C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Review, discuss and decide on 2018 Conservation Board annual agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R3. Meet with representatives from Prospect Meadows. Discuss and decide on approval of and authorization for the Board President to sign the memorandum of Understanding / Agreement between the Conservation Board and Prospect Meadows, Inc., regarding financial support for wetland and trail features associated with the Prospect Meadows project and authorize release of funds to Prospect Meadows. (Prospect Meadows representatives Jack Roeder & Troy McQuillen)
- R4. Discuss and decide on resolution #2018-6 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost concerning the wetland enhancements at the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Area, Project #5-17. (Randy Burke)
- R5. Discuss and decide on resolution #2018-7 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the East Blue Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Project #10-12. (Randy Burke)
- R6. Discuss and decide on certain bond-funded projects (Goemaat)
- R7. Discuss and decide on the FY 2017 Annual Report and authorize publication (Schlader)
- R8. Discuss and decide on hiring of Executive Director. (Emerson, Hughes)
- R9. Board member / staff reports – Board members and staff may report and/or discuss meetings or activities that they have been involved. (Conservation Board & staff)
 1. Ryan Schlader – Community Outreach and Marketing.
 2. FY19 Conservation Board Budget presentation to the Linn County Board of Supervisors – January 24 at 1:30 pm
 3. Iowa Wildlife Habitat Grant Award
- R10. 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.**
- R11. 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.
- R12. Election of Officers for 2018 (Conservation Board)
 1. Board President
 2. Board Vice-President
 3. Board Secretary
- R13. Adjournment