



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 and sense of place*

Monday, January 23, 2017

Wickiup Hill Learning Center

10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, Iowa

12:00 P.M. (NOON) - Monthly Meeting

- **Call to order / roll call** – quorum / open meeting compliance.
- **Conservation Board Appointment - Oath of Office to John Hanson** (Hughes)
- **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 December 19, 2016 regular monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2017-7.
- C3. Receive and place on file the December 2016 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the December 2016 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
 1. Gift #24-2017, Orlan Love – monetary donation (\$140) to leverage with Linn County Water & Land Legacy bond funds.
 2. Gift #25-2017, Laverne & Audrey Busse Foundation – monetary donation (\$414) undesignated gift towards Wickiup Hill.
 3. Gift #26-2017, Iowa Gourd Society – monetary donation (\$200) for use for the Wickiup Hill Learning Center.

4. Gift #27-2017, Carolyn Cleveland – monetary donations (\$35) for use at the Wickiup Hill Learning Center.
 5. Gift #28-2017, Marjorie Henderson – monetary donation (\$5,000) toward the outdoor nature playscape project at the Wickiup Hill Learning Center.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report
- C7. FY16 Annual Report – authorize publication and distribution.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide a proposal / request from the Center Point Community Historical Society for future placement of an 1850s log cabin near the “depot” building along the Cedar Valley Trail in Center Point, Iowa (Dennis Schlicht, Center Point Community Historical Society)
- R3. Discuss and decide on the IDNR Low-head Dam Public Hazard Program grant application concerning the Buffalo Creek Park dam mitigation, Project #8-14. (Goemaat)
- R4. Discuss and decide on the Professional Services Contract with Shive-Hattery for the development of a comprehensive sign and wayfinding design program for Linn County parks, trails, and conservation areas. (Goemaat)
- R5. Discuss and decide on staff recommendation regarding bid received and how to proceed with the project concerning the Red Cedar Mountain Bike Trail construction, LCCB project #6-15. (Randy Burke)
- R6. Linn County Water & Land Legacy (LCWLL) Bond - Discuss matters related to the LCWLL bond including, but not limited to the following items:
1. January 4, 2017 meeting with water quality related partner organizations. (Goemaat / Cindy Burke)
 2. Potential bond funded projects – start to prepare a strategic implementation plan (Biechler)
- R7. Board member / staff reports – Board members and staff may report and/or discuss meetings or activities that they have been involved with. (Conservation Board & staff)
1. Fish Habitat Grant Award #2 (\$50,000) concerning the Buffalo Creek Park dam removal and rock-arch rapids construction, Project #8-14. (Goemaat)
 2. FY18 Conservation Board Budget presentation to the Linn County Board of Supervisors – reschedule due to cancellation on January 16 - County offices closings because of bad weather.
- R8. Election of Officers for 2017 (Conservation Board)
1. Board President
 2. Board Vice-President
 3. Board Secretary
- 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. Adjournment