



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, February 27, 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.
- **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 January 23, 2017 regular monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2017-8.
- C3. Receive and place on file the January 2017 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the January 2017 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts:
 - 1. Gift #29-2017, Hawkeye Bicycle Association – monetary donation (\$2,000) to purchase two (2) benches to be placed along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail.
 - 2. Gift #30-2017, Pheasants Forever, Linn County Chapter #45 – donation of prairie seed purchase vouchers in the amount of \$3,000.

3. Gift #31-2017, Whitetails Unlimited – monetary donation (\$10,073.15) for wildlife habitat development on the new property acquisition along the Squaw Creek corridor south of Squaw Creek County Park.
4. Gift #32-2017, ITC Midwest – monetary donation (\$5,000 involving 4th of 5 payments) toward the nature playscape project at the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Area.

C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Linn County Water & Land Legacy (LCWLL) Bond - Discuss matters related to the LCWLL bond including, but not limited to the following items:
 1. Initial bond funded projects – **preliminary DRAFT** of the 5-year strategic implementation plan (Board and staff)
- R3. Discuss and decide on the project agreement between the Conservation Board and the Linn County Board of Supervisors regarding improvements at the intersection of Alice Road and the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. (Biechler)
- R4. Discuss and decide on authorizing staff to dispose of, by the most appropriate means, the former service area buildings (except the old corncrib at Morgan Creek Park) in Pinicon Ridge and Morgan Creek County Parks. This includes, but is not limited to the former Assistant Park Ranger residence at E Avenue in Morgan Creek Park. (Biechler)
- R5. Discuss and decide on the updated Corporate Authorization Resolution with NXT Bank regarding the Conservation Board’s facility reservations account and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the resolution. (Goemaat)
- R6. Discuss and decide on approval of and to authorize the Board President or Executive Director to sign the proposed funding agreement between the Conservation Board and the Iowa Department of Transportation regarding the State Recreation Trails (SRT) grant and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for the East Blue Creek bridge replacement project along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail, LCCB Project #10-12. (Randy Burke)
- R7. Discuss and decide on rescinding and replacing Resolution #2017-5 with Resolution #2017-8 and Resolution #2017-9 authorizing application to the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) for regional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds regarding the Highway 100 Trail project. (Randy Burke)
- R8. Discuss and decide on approval of and authorizing the Deputy Director to sign the funding agreement LHDP project #17-02 between the Conservation Board and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the State Low-Head Dam Safety Cost Share grant for the Buffalo Creek Park dam modification and rock arch rapids, LCCB Project #8-14. (Goemaat)

- R9. Discuss and decide on approval of and authorizing the Deputy Director to sign the funding agreement between the Conservation Board and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the State Fish Habitat grant for the Buffalo Creek Park dam modification and rock arch rapids / fish habitat improvements, LCCB Project #8-14. (Goemaat)
- R10. Review, discuss and decide on the Conservation Board's fees and charges for park facilities and activities. (Goemaat)
- R11. Review, discuss and decide on changes to the Conservation Board's rules and regulations. (Goemaat)
- R12. 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. FY18 Conservation Board Budget – status of proposed budget offers and request for passenger vehicle replacements. (Biechler)
 2. Farm Bureau Meeting held on February 7, 2017 (Hughes / Goemaat)
 3. Ryan Schlader – Community Outreach and Marketing
- R13. Discuss and decide on the staff recommendation involving the digital marketing and influence proposal from GPS Impact regarding the 2017 Community Outreach and Marketing Program. (Schlader)
- R14. 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.**
- R15. Discuss and decide on the proposed Offer to Purchase and Acceptance Agreement involving the purchase of 51 acres (more or less) as an addition to the Chain Lakes Natural Area. The Conservation Board will go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss purchase of real estate. (Biechler)
- R16. Adjournment