



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, March 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 February 27, 2017 regular monthly meeting and closed session.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2017-9.
- C3. Receive and place on file the February 2017 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the February 2017 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts:
 1. Gift #33-2017, Gina Leahy – monetary donation (\$20) for use at the Wickiup Hill Learning Center.
 2. Gift #34-2017, Susan Feickert – donation of 3 display cases with mounted butterflies and moths for use in the education program at the Wickiup Hill Learning Center.

C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide on a request / proposal from the City of Hiawatha regarding the lease and use of a portion of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail for a public dog park. (Kelly Willadsen, Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Director and Kim Downs, Hiawatha City Administrator)
- R3. Linn County Water & Land Legacy (LCWLL) Bond - Discuss matters related to the LCWLL bond including, but not limited to the following items:
1. Report on meetings with project partners – IDNR, NRCS, Iowa Flood Center, etc. (Goemaat)
 2. Potential bond-funded acquisition as an addition to the Wakpicada Natural Area – See also Item R12 Closed Session. (Biechler)
 3. Initial bond funded projects – continue review and discussion regarding the **preliminary DRAFT** of the 5-year strategic implementation plan (Board and staff)
- R4. Discuss and decide on the permanent transfer to the Archaeological Repository of the Office of the State Archaeologist involving certain artifacts from two archeological sites from an archeological survey conducted by Wapsi Valley Archeology for a woodland mitigation at the Goose Pond Natural Area for the Iowa DOT. (Goemaat)
- R5. Discuss and decide on approval of and authorizing the Board President or Executive Director to sign the LHDP Grant #17-05 agreement 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)
- R6. Discuss and decide on approval of and authorizing the Board President or Executive Director to sign the funding agreement LWCF Project #19-01312 between the Conservation Board and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund grant for the Nature Playscape at the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Area, LCCB Project # 9-14. (Biechler)
- R7. Discuss and decide on approval of and authorizing the Board President or the Executive Director to sign the proposed agreement between the Conservation Board and the City of Marion regarding a trail connection from Waldo’s Rock Park to the Grant Wood Trail. (Biechler)
- R8. Discuss and decide on approval of and authorizing the Board President or Executive Director to sign the proposed agreement between the Conservation Board and Mario Ruiz regarding commissioned artwork for the Wickiup Hill Learning Center. (Corbett)
- R9. Discuss and decide on approval of and authorizing the Board President or Executive Director to sign the proposed agreement between the Conservation Board and Mary Kopecky regarding commissioned willow “Cozy Spaces” for the Wickiup Hill Nature Playscape, Project # 9-14. (Corbett)
- R10. 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. Jenny Corbett – Conservation Education Activities
 3. ISAC Legislative Conference & CCDA Meeting – March 8 & 9, 2017 (Biechler / Goemaat)

- R11. 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.**
- R12. Closed Session - 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)
- R13. Future Conservation Board Review / Discussion Items:
1. Current / Proposed Conservation Board Policies
 2. Strategic Planning – Continue discussion regarding the Board’s Vision & Mission
- R14. Adjournment