



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 support economic development**
- **To promote health and wellness** * **To strengthen safety and security**
- **To protect natural resources** * **To foster human development**
- **To increase environmental awareness** * **To strengthen community image & sense of place**

Monday, June 24, 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 May 20, 2019 monthly and June 6, 2019 special and closed session meetings.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2019-12.
- C3. Receive and place on file the May 2019 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the May 2019 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. Gift #26-2019 – Good Earth Garden Club, monetary donation (\$300), for use at Morgan Creek Park arboretum.
 - 2. Gift #27-2019 – Iowa Master Naturalists, monetary donation (\$100), for use at Wickiup Hill Learning Center in recognition of Gail Barels.
 - 3. Gift #28-2019 – Kevin and Diane Johnston, monetary donation (\$1,200), to purchase a bench for Pinicon Ridge Park in memory of Diane Groff Johnston.
 - 4. Gift #29-2019 – Pramit and Kristin Tamraker, monetary donation (\$150), to purchase a tree for Morgan Creek Park in memory of Steve Goodson.
 - 5. Gift #30-2019 – Faith Bible Church, monetary donation (\$150), to purchase a tree for Morgan Creek Park in memory of Steve Goodson.
 - 6. Gift #31-2019 – John Layton, donation of plants valued at \$403.00, for use at Morgan Creek Park butterfly garden.
 - 7. Gift #32-2019 – Douglas and Sharon Laird, monetary donation (\$100), for undesignated support.
 - 8. Gift #33-2019 – Roger Seamands, monetary donation (\$50), for use on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail in memory of Patrick Murphy.
 - 9. Gift #34-2019 – Shirley Grulke, monetary donation (\$25), for use on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail in memory of Patrick Murphy.
 - 10. Gift #35-2019 – Alisa Ajango, monetary donation (\$300), to purchase a tree for Morgan Creek Park arboretum in honor of Bradley Kent Ajango.
 - 11. Gift #36-2019 – John McQuillen, five life jackets for use at the watercraft concession.
 - 12. Gift #37-2019 – Monarch Research Project, monetary donation (\$12,969.17) to purchase a batwing mower and herbicides for the 1,000-acre initiative.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program update report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Director to sign a grant agreement with The Nature Conservancy retroactive to May 21, 2019 for funding the Morgan Creek Park wetlands. (Goemaat)
- R3. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2019-7, authorizing application for funding assistance from the State Recreational Trails grant program through the Iowa Department of Transportation for connecting a gap in the Grant Wood Trail, Project #05-14B. (R. Burke)
- R4. Discuss and decide on resolution #2019-8 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost concerning the Pinicon Ridge Park Overlook Shelter, Project #4-19. (Randy Burke)
 - a) Discuss project budget and additional funding options.
- R5. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Director or Deputy Director to sign documents with the US Fish and Wildlife Service related to funding assistance Pinicon Ridge Dam mitigation – Project #2-19. (Gibbins)
- R6. Discuss agreement regarding the commitment to ConnectCR for project support and timing of payment. (Goemaat)
- R7. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing Catherine Kastens to replace Amanda Bieber as a signatory on checks written on the NXT Bank account. (Gibbins)
- R8. Discuss and decide regarding Resolution 2019-9 authorizing staff to submit application to the Metropolitan Planning Organization for funding Segment 2 of the Highway 100 Trail. (Burke)
- R9. Discuss and decide regarding Resolution 2019-10 authorizing staff to submit application to the Metropolitan Planning Organization for funding Segment 3 of the Highway 100 Trail. (Burke)
- R10. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Director to sign a contract amendment with Snyder and Associates for engineering and design of wetlands on county-owned properties. (Kellogg)
- R11. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Director to sign a contract amendment with Snyder and Associates for engineering and design of wetlands at Squaw Creek Park. (Kellogg)
- R12. Discuss and decide regarding Director performance review and compensation. (Goemaat/Board)
- R13. 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.
 - 2. Updates:
 - a. Algae growth in the Pinicon Ridge Park backwaters (Hanson)
 - b. Strategic Planning Update (Gibbins)
- 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. 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.

R16. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Strategic Planning – Special meeting/retreat on August 15.
2. Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation 40th Anniversary Celebration – August 28, 2019
3. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference – September 17 - 19, 2019 - Muscatine, Iowa
4. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation – September 23-26, 2019 - Baltimore, Maryland