



## 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, July 22, 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 June 24, 2019 monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2020-1.
- C3. Receive and place on file the June 2019 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the June 2019 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
  - 1. Gift #1-2020 – Monetary contribution (\$455) from Dawn Klohs in memory of Chuck Klohs for use on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2019-11, application for funding assistance from the State Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant program through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources concerning the acquisition of 204 acres (more or less) of land. (Gibbins)
- R3. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Director to sign a contract amendment with Design Dynamics for redesign work required for the Pinicon Ridge Park overlook shelter, Project #4-19. (Randy Burke)
- R4. Public hearing regarding the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimated construction costs concerning the Pinicon Ridge Park Overlook Shelter, Project #4-19. (Randy Burke)

- R5. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2019-12, approval of the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimated construction costs concerning the Pinicon Ridge Park Overlook Shelter, Project #4-19. (Randy Burke)
- R6. Discuss and decide regarding selecting a consultant for the Morgan Creek Park/Highway 100 Trail design and engineering and authorizing the Executive Director to sign a contract with the selected consultant. (Burke)
- R7. Discuss and decide on authorizing the Board President and Secretary to sign an account agreement with NXT Bank designating authorized signers on checks written on the NXT Bank account. (Gibbins)
- R8. Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for wetland development at Buffalo Creek Natural Area and authorizing the Director to sign the contract – Project #15-19. (Burke)
- R9. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Director to sign a contract for geotechnical services related to the Morgan Creek Park development, Project #3-19. (Goemaat)
- R10. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing the Director to sign a change order for adding an additional wetland to the Wickiup Hill wetland renovation, Project #5-17. (Goemaat)
- R11. 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. Community Attraction and Tourism Grant update (Gibbins)
    - b. Strategic Planning Update (Gibbins)
    - c. Gail Barels retirement (Goemaat)
- R12. 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.**
- R13. Adjournment

### **Strategic Planning Discussion**

Following the close of the business meeting, the Conservation Board will receive an update regarding the strategic planning process from Sarah Clark with the Institute for Conservation Leadership.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Strategic Planning – Special meeting/retreat on August 15.
2. Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation 40<sup>th</sup> 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