



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 23, 2018
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 25, 2018 monthly meeting minutes.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2019-1.
- C3. Receive and place on file the June 2018 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the June 2018 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts:
 - 1. Gift #45-2018 – Erik and Sarah Brakke - monetary donation (\$20) to support Wickiup's Wandering Woods Playscape.
 - 2. Gift #46-2018 – Goldfinch Cyclery - monetary donation (\$800) to help purchase and install a kiosk at the Mountain Bike Trailhead at Squaw Creek Park.
 - 3. Gift #47-2018 – ITC Holdings Corp - monetary donation (\$5,000) to support Wickiup's Wandering Woods Playscape.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide on Resolution # 2018-19, application for funding assistance from the *State Resources Enhancement and Protection (REAP)* grant program through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources concerning the acquisition of 77 acres (more or less) of land adjoining Paris Bridge Natural Area. (Gibbins)
- R3. Discuss and Resolution #2018-20 supporting ConnectCR Cedar Lake improvement project. (Goemaat)

- R4. Discuss and decide regarding including the new county logo on official Board and Department communications. (Goemaat)
- R5. Discuss and decide on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Conservation Board and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the 2018 Fall Operation Tree ReLeaf program and authorize the Director to sign the MOU (Gibbins)
- R6. Discuss potential projects for inclusion in the second bond letting (Goemaat/Board)
- R7. Review, update discuss, decide and update current Board Ends policies – Series 1 including:
 1-1 Outdoor Recreation Experiences
 1-2 Environmental Awareness/Conservation Ethic
 1-3 Outdoor Aesthetic Fulfillment
 1-4 Conservation of Natural Resources
 (Board)
- R8. 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. Community Outreach and Marketing – (Ryan Schlader)
 2. Biotope Contract Update – (Randy Burke)
 3. Quinquennial Bond Celebration/Educational (John Hanson)
- 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. 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.
- R11. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Linn County REAP Committee Meeting – Tuesday, August 7 - 6:00 PM - Red Cedar Lodge, Squaw Creek Park
2. Iowa State Association of Counties Annual Conference – August 22-24, 2018 - Des Moines, Iowa
3. Volunteer Recognition – August 30, 2018 - 6:00 PM - Wickiup Hill Learning Center
4. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference – September 19-21, 2018 - Des Moines, Iowa
5. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation – September 24-27, 2018 - Indianapolis, Indiana
6. Operation Tree ReLeaf – Squaw Creek Park – Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 7:30 AM