



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, August 27, 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 July 23, and August 20, 2018 meeting minutes.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures – Claims list # 2019-2.
- C3. Receive and place on file the July 2018 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the July 2018 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts:
 - 1. Gift #1-2019 – Frank and Barb Edmunds - monetary donation (\$50) to support Wickiup Hill education program.
 - 2. Gift #2-2019 – Wellmark Foundation - monetary donation (\$50) to match Mary Lawler gift in memory of Harold Paul.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Presentation by Pat Conrad of Emmons Olivier Resources regarding Morgan Creek watershed study. (Goemaat)
- R3. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2018-20 supporting ConnectCR Cedar Lake improvement project. (Goemaat)
- R4. Discuss and decide regarding assessments and other costs associated with E-Avenue road work by the city of Cedar Rapids. (Goemaat)

- R5. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2018-21, application for funding assistance from the State Dam Mitigation grant program through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for a planning grant to study the Pinicon Ridge Park dam and potential hazard mitigation efforts, Project #19-19. (Gibbins)
- R6. Discuss and decide on approving a contract with Anderson-Bogert Engineers for planning work related to the Grant Wood Trail and authorize the Director to sign the contract, Project #10-12. (Randy Burke)
- R7. Discuss and decide regarding an agreement with the Eastern Iowa Airport for Wings2Water funding initiative. (Gibbins)
- R8. Discuss and decide on resolution #2018-22 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost concerning the water system for Pinicon Ridge Park campgrounds, Project #17-05. (Randy Burke)
- R9. Discuss and decide regarding concurrence with the Board of Supervisors regarding leasing excess property adjacent to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail to Hiawatha for a community dog park and authorize the Board President to sign the lease retroactive to August 20, 2018. (Goemaat)
- R10. Discuss and decide regarding future bond funded projects. (Goemaat/Gibbins)
- R11. 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. Update regarding Biotope Contract
- 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. 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.
- R14. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Volunteer Recognition – August 30, 2018 - 6:00 PM - Wickiup Hill Learning Center
2. Conservation Board Meeting – September 17 (meeting moved up one week)
3. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference – September 19 - 21, 2018 - Des Moines, Iowa
4. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation – September 24-27, 2018 - Indianapolis, Indiana
5. Operation Tree ReLeaf – Squaw Creek Park – Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 7:30 AM