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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — DECEMBER 2018

Meeting Held. The Natural Resource Commission met on December 13, 2018. Chairperson Margo Underwood conducted the meeting.

Donations. The Commission voted to accept donations that included a \$1.3 million donation of playground equipment to Lake Manawa State Park by the Dream Playground Reimagined Committee. Total donations for the month of December totaled \$1.4 million.

Contracts. The Commission approved the following contracts:

- A contract not to exceed \$100,000 with Infonet Systems, Inc. to handle the customer subscription base for Iowa Outdoors magazine.
- A contract not to exceed \$67,000 with Kerestes-Martin Associates to develop a master plan for signs that will be posted in State parks.
- A contract not to exceed \$187,000 with Iowa State University to restore native prairies in Iowa and Minnesota. Funding is from a federal grant.
- A contract not to exceed \$106,000 with the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission to provide cost-share funding for various water quality projects.
- A contract not to exceed \$2.6 million with the Story County Conservation Board for the restoration of Hickory Grove Lake.
- A contract not to exceed \$462,000 with the Scott County Conservation Board for the restoration of the Lake of the Hills project.

Water Recreation Access Grants. The Commission approved five grants totaling \$400,000 for water recreation projects. There were 16 projects submitted for funding and the projects awarded included:

- Buchanan County, Iron Bridge boat access for \$266,000.
- Union County, Three Mile Lake boat ramp for \$13,000.
- Dickinson County, Ainsworth-Orleans Beach boat dock for \$59,000.
- Winneshiek County, Lake Meyer State Park boat launch for \$22,000.
- Boone County, Don Williams Recreation Area boat ramp for \$5,000.

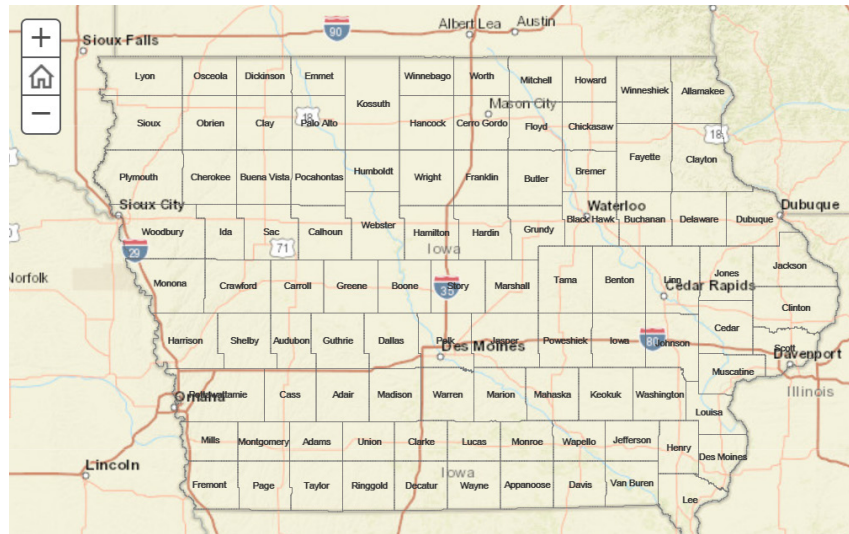
State Park Construction Projects. The Commission approved 18 construction projects totaling \$507,000 at various State parks. Funding is from a \$2.0 million allocation from REAP to the State parks for operations and maintenance. This allocation was made in [HF 2491](#) (FY 2019 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act).

Land Acquisition. The Commission approved the following land acquisitions:

- Washington County, 53 acres for \$58,000 at the Rubio Wildlife Management Area.
- Wapello County, 116 acres for \$267,000 at the Fox Hills Wildlife Management Area.
- Clarke County, 161 acres for \$618,000 at the Heritage Hills Wildlife Management Area.
- Winnebago County, 163 acres for \$170,000 at the Pilot Knob Wildlife Management Area.
- Winnebago County, 80 acres for \$85,000 at the Pilot Knob Wildlife Management Area.
- Warren County, 178 acres for \$794,000 at the Heritage Hills Wildlife Management Area.
- Appanoose County, 458 acres for \$591,000 at the Sedan Bottoms Wildlife Management Area.

Land Inventory Report. [House File 2502](#) (FY 2019 Standing Appropriations Act) required the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 1,

2018, that details all land owned and/or managed by the Department. The DNR created an interactive [land map](#) on its website that provides the information requested. In addition to the information requested, the DNR created a map that details the property taxes paid by the DNR by county.



Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2019, in Des Moines. Additional information about the [Natural Resource Commission](#) is available on the DNR website.

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