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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION MEETING — MAY 2019

May Meeting. The Environmental Protection Commission met on May 21, 2019, in Des Moines. Three new members were sworn in: Stephanie Dykshorn, Amy Echard, and Tim Kaldenberg.

Legislative Update. Adam Schnieders, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provided a legislative update. This included a discussion of [SF 609](#) (FY 2020 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill), which appropriates \$11.9 million to the Department from the General Fund for FY 2020. This is an increase of \$366,000 compared to estimated FY 2019.

Contracts Approved. The following contracts were approved or amended:

- A contract not to exceed \$61,000 with the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) for the Iowa Great Lakes Targeted Watershed Project. The contract will be funded with federal funds.
- A contract not to exceed \$450,000 with the State Archaeologist at the University of Iowa to fund archaeology investigations related to construction projects on public lands. Funding sources will be identified for each project submitted.
- A contract not to exceed \$101,000 with the DALs for the Lake Geode Watershed Improvement Project. The contract will be funded with federal funds.
- A contract not to exceed \$319,000 with the DALs for the Dry Run Creek Watershed Improvement Project. The contract will be funded with federal funds.
- A contract with the DALs not to exceed \$790,000 to provide loans for implementation of nonpoint source conservation practices, local water protection practices, livestock water quality practices, urban stormwater practices, and water resource restoration practices. The contract will be funded with administrative funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund.
- A contract amendment not to exceed \$200,000 with the Geographic Information Services (GIS) Facility at Iowa State University (ISU) to provide basic services including scanning, geospatial training, and other related services. The amendment is funded with federal funds.
- A three-year contract not to exceed \$496,000 with the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa to perform analysis and testing of various samples. The contract will be funded with federal funds.
- A two-year contract not to exceed \$130,000 with the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa to perform analysis and testing of land samples submitted by the Land Quality Bureau. The contract will be funded with fee revenue from the Hazardous Waste Fund.
- A contract not to exceed \$28,000 with the Region XII Council of Governments to audit participants in the Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Program. The contract will be funded with fee revenue from the Solid Waste Account of the Groundwater Protection Fund.
- A contract not to exceed \$74,000 with Graham Smith, a partnership based in Tennessee, to provide professional services to EMS Program participants. The contract will be funded with fee revenues from the Solid Waste Account of the Groundwater Protection Fund.
- A contract not to exceed \$265,000 with the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities to provide training and technical assistance to targeted public water suppliers. Funding is from the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Final Rules. The Commission approved the final administrative rules for water quality standards. This is the fifth group of standards submitted. The DNR removed proposed uses for certain waterbodies from

the final rules after public meetings were held and comments were received. These waterbodies included Deer Creek, Silver Creek, Threemile Creek, and West Branch Iowa River.

Derelict Buildings Grant Program. The Commission approved 13 projects for a total of \$396,000 for the Derelict Buildings Program. There were 29 applications received for the Program, requesting a total of \$1.2 million.

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