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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2020

Meeting. The Natural Resource Commission met on July 9, 2020. The meeting was held at Walnut Woods State Park Lodge via teleconference. The following topics are among those discussed.

Director's and Division Administrator Remarks. Director Kayla Lyon discussed the extension of the Resource Enhancement and Protection program (REAP) until 2023, along with a \$12.0 million appropriation.

Contracts Approved. The following contracts were approved:

- A one-year contract extension with Forum Communications Company to print and distribute the 2021 Iowa Fishing Regulations Booklet. The amendment (extension) amount is not to exceed \$35,250 (Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund).
- A contract with the Tama County Conservation Board for engineering services toward the restoration of Otter Creek Lake Park. The funding is not to exceed \$405,966.00. Funding is split between the Lake Restoration Program (75%) and the Tama County Conservation Board (25%).
- A contract not to exceed \$500,000 (Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund) with four vendors. These vendors will pre-qualify for bids relating to aerial application of seed and chemical for wildlife management including invasive species removal:
 - Collective Aviation
 - Meyer Agri-Air
 - Flying Farmer Aerial Application
 - AgWerx Aviation

Public Land Acquisitions. The commission approved the following land acquisitions:

- A total of 153 acres for the Red Rock Wildlife Management Area in Warren County. The \$183,000 purchase will be funded by the federal Pittman-Robertson funds (\$137,250) and the Wildlife Habitat Stamp (\$45,750).
- A total of 482 acres in Jasper County to be named Reasnor Wildlife Management Area. The \$500,000 purchase will be funded by the South Skunk and Des Moines River Mitigation Corridor North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA, \$325,000), Wildlife Habitat Stamp (\$95,000), and Ducks Unlimited (\$80,000).
- A total of 136.5 acres in Warren County for a wildlife management area (WMA). The \$584,000 purchase will come from NAWCA (\$325,000), Wildlife Habitat Stamp (\$229,000), Ducks Unlimited (\$10,000), Warren County Pheasants Forever (\$10,000), and Capital Chapter Pheasants Forever (\$10,000).

Construction Projects. The commission approved seven construction bids for the following state parks:

- Boat Slips, Lake Macbride State Park, \$79,422.00
- Flood Repairs, Dolliver State Park, \$55,240.00
- New Restroom Building, Pikes Point State Park, \$213,617.86
- Shoreline Restoration, George Wyth State Park, \$217,684.95
- Fishing Pier, Lake Anita State Park, \$96,813.00
- Roadway Maintenance, Pammel State Park, \$722,245.59
- New Campground, Manawa State Park, \$3,356,572.75

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2020, at the Wallace Building in Des Moines.

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