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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — OCTOBER 2020

Meeting. The Natural Resource Commission met on October 8, 2020. The meeting was held at the Butch Olofson Shooting Range in Polk City. Teleconference participation was also available. The following topics were among those discussed.

Remarks. Department of Natural Resources Director Kayla Lyon and Conservation and Recreation Division Interim Director Tammie Krausman both gave updates on various topics, including derecho damage, legislative priorities, and license fee revenues.

Donations Approved. The Commission approved a total of \$36,000 in donations. The donations ranged from \$20 to \$25,000, with a median of \$150.

Contracts Approved. The following contracts were approved:

- A contract with Hunt Farms Partnership for land management activities in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$118,000. The program extends from October 16, 2020, to October 1, 2023, and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant – Iowa Habitat Access Program (IHAP).
- A contract with Mike Brice for land management activities in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$43,000. The contract extends through 2029 and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant – IHAP.
- A contract with Robert Palmer for land management activities in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$56,000. The contract extends through 2027 and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant – IHAP.
- A contract with Thomas Masterson for land management activities in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$55,000. The contract extends through 2030 and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant – IHAP.
- A contract with the G. Allen Heston Trust for land management activities in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$35,000. The contract extends through 2030 and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant – IHAP.
- A contract with Belden Logging, Inc., for hardwood timber harvest in Stephens State Forest. The contract amount is for \$50,000. The contract extends through 2022, and income will be deposited in the Conservation Fund – Forestry.
- A contract with Iowa State University for partnership using student labor at the State Forest Nursery. The amount is not to exceed \$120,000. The contract extends through June 30, 2021, and is funded through the General Fund.
- A contract with Trees Forever, Inc., for a partnership on forestry. The amount is not to exceed \$435,000. The contract runs through 2022 and is funded through the General Fund (50.0%) and U.S. Forest Service federal funds (50.0%).
- A contract with Visual Labs, Inc., for body cameras for State park bureau officers. The amount is not to exceed \$46,000. The contract runs through 2022 and is funded through the General Fund.
- A contract with Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, for chronic wasting disease testing assessments. The amount is not to exceed \$99,000 and is funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant.

- A contract with the University of Montana for deer density reduction efforts. The amount is not to exceed \$174,000. The contract runs through 2021 and is funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant.
- A contract with Shive-Hattery Architecture and Engineering for a dredging feasibility study at Silver Lake in Delaware County. The amount is not to exceed \$204,000. The contract runs through October 2021 and is funded through the Lake Restoration Program.

Public Land Acquisitions. The following public land acquisitions were approved:

- A total of 91 acres near Yellow River State Forest. The purchase price of \$290,000 will be funded through proceeds from the Luster Heights Facility sale (\$211,000) and the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund (\$79,000).
- A total of 134 acres near West Fork Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$139,000 will be funded through Palo Alto Pheasants Forever, Kossuth Pheasants Forever, North American Wetlands Conservation Act Prairie Lakes, and the Wildlife Habitat Stamp.
- A total of 36.5 acres near Stephens State Forest. The purchase price of \$80,000 will be funded through REAP.

Construction Projects. A contract of \$141,000 was approved for hail damage repair at Lacey Keosauqua State Park.

REAP Grants. The following projects from the REAP Fund were approved:

- A total of \$1.8 million in City Parks and Open Spaces grant funding.
- A total of \$962,000 for County Conservation Account grant funding.

Additional Information. Additional information on the Natural Resource Commission can be found [here](#), including the full agenda of the meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2020.

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