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### NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — NOVEMBER 2020

**Meeting.** The Natural Resource Commission met on November 12, 2020. The meeting was held via teleconference. The following topics were among those discussed.

**Remarks.** Department of Natural Resources Director Kayla Lyon and new Conservation and Recreation Division Administrator Pete Hildreth gave updates on events, site visits, derecho damage, and a Canada goose study (presented by Orrin Jones, Wetlands Program Leader).

**Donations Approved.** The Commission approved 19 donations totaling \$172,000. The donations ranged from \$25 to \$125,000.

**Contracts Approved.** The following contracts were approved:

- A contract with the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners for contract employment of five Wildlife Specialists and four Wetland Easement Team Technicians. The amount is not to exceed \$1.3 million. The contract extends from November 12, 2020, to September 30, 2024, and is funded with a Federal Conservation Partners competitive grant.
- A contract with Janice Wiemers for land management activities described in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$30,000. The contract extends from November 12, 2020, through August 1, 2025, and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant — Iowa Habitat Access Program (IHAP).
- A contract with Tauke Properties, LLC, for land management activities described in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$71,000. The contract extends from November 12, 2020, through August 1, 2029, and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant — IHAP.
- A contract with Case Western Reserve University for chronic wasting disease research. The amount is not to exceed \$40,000. The contract extends from January 1, 2021, to September 29, 2021, and is funded through a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant.
- A contract with the Scott County Conservation Board to upgrade and replace the outlet structure at Lake Canyada. The amount is not to exceed \$64,000. The contract extends from November 15, 2020, through December 31, 2021, and is funded by the Lake Restoration Program.

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

- A total of 94 acres near Little Sioux Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$290,000 will be funded through the federal Pittman-Robertson program (\$218,000) and the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program (\$73,000).
- A total of 80 acres near the White Pine Hollow Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$288,000 will be funded through the federal Pittman-Robertson program (\$216,000) and the Wildlife Habitat Stamp (\$72,000).
- A total of 41 acres near the Big Sioux River Complex Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$115,000 will be funded through Pipeline Mitigation Funds and the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- A total of 92 acres near Rice Lake Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$99,000 will be funded through federal moneys (\$52,000) and the Wildlife Habitat Stamp (\$47,000).

**Construction Projects.** The following construction projects were approved:

- A contract of \$1.0 million at Lewis and Clark State Park for dredging.
- A contract of \$410,000 at Lake Anita State Park for roadway pavement maintenance.
- A contract of \$440,000 at Backbone State Park for roadway pavement maintenance.

**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 December 10, 2020.

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