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### NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — DECEMBER 2020

**Meeting.** The Natural Resource Commission met on December 10, 2020. The meeting was held via teleconference. The following topics were among those discussed.

**Remarks.** Department of Natural Resources Director Kayla Lyon and Division Administrator Pete Hildreth gave updates on the Palisades-Kepler State Park cleanup as well as the State Forest Action Plan, chronic waste disease, and rules regarding hunting.

**Donations Approved.** The commission approved 19 donations totaling \$2,955. The donations ranged from \$15 to \$1,600.

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

- A contract with Linda Cassabaum for land management activities described in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$27,656. The contract extends from December 10, 2020, through August 1, 2029, and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant — Iowa Habitat Access Program (IHAP).
- A contract with Kasey Sandbulte for land management activities described in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$30,770. The contract extends from December 10, 2020, through August 1, 2029, and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant — IHAP.
- A contract with Theresa G Zila Rev Trust for land management activities described in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$39,580. The contract extends from December 10, 2020, through October 2025, and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant — IHAP.
- A contract with Kelly Tobin for land management activities described in the Wildlife Management Plan. The amount is not to exceed \$50,190. The contract extends from December 10, 2020, through December 1, 2021, and is funded through the Voluntary Public Access Grant — IHAP.
- A contract with Iowa State University for lake water quality monitoring. The amount is not to exceed \$866,363. The contract extends from January 1, 2021, through January 31, 2024, and is funded through the Environment First Fund (60%) and the Lake Restoration Program (40%).
- A contract with the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission for water quality projects. The amount is not to exceed \$170,000. The contract extends from December 10, 2020, to December 31, 2020, and is funded through the Lake Restoration Program.

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

- A total of 13 acres of land near Snake Creek Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$25,000 is funded through the Wildlife Habitat Stamp.
- A total of 208 acres of land near Saylorville Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$614,000 is funded through the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (\$460,200) and Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Open Spaces (\$153,400).
- A total of 79 acres of land near Sac City Wetland Complex Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$85,976 will be funded through federal North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) funds.

- A total of 177 acres of land near the Sac City Wetland Complex Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$125,000 will be funded through NAWCA (\$74,597) and Sac County Pheasants Forever (\$50,000).
- A total of 60 acres of land near Aldo Leopold Wildlife Management Area. The purchase price of \$130,000 will be funded through the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act.

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

- A total of \$150,000 for Okoboji Island Restoration.
- A total of \$725,000 for Lacey Keosauqua State Park pavement preservation.
- A total of \$115,000 for Lake Manawa State Park security gates.

**More Information.** Additional information on the Natural Resource Commission can be found [here](#).

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2021.

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