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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2021

September Meeting. The [Environmental Protection Commission](#) (EPC) met on September 21, 2021, in person and via teleconference. Among the topics discussed were the following:

FY 2023 Budget Request. The Commission approved the Department's FY 2023 budget request. The request shows no net difference from FY 2022 appropriations for the Department, but does include the following:

- An increase to Park Infrastructure Improvements of \$750,000.
- A decrease to Fort Atkinson of \$100,000.
- A decrease to On-Stream Impoundment of \$500,000.
- A decrease to County Park Improvement of \$150,000.

Drought Update. An update was given on the drought in the State. The month of August recorded 4.64 inches of precipitation, which was 0.44 inches above average for the month. Month-to-date precipitation for September is 1.23 inches, which is 46.0% of the normal average.

State Revolving Loan Fund. The Commission approved the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plans (IUP) second quarter update for FY 2022.

Contracts Approved. The following contracts and contract amendments were approved:

- Two contracts totaling \$373,125 for loans from the Solid Waste Alternatives Program. One contract with A-TEC Recycling Inc. for a loan for a total of \$313,125 for the purchase of processing and handling equipment for the separation and recovery of lead and silica-containing glass from cathode ray tubes. The second contract for a loan of \$60,000 with Dubuque and Jackson Counties Habitat for Humanity for financial assistance used to help pay the first 16 months of a store manager's salary for a new ReStore location in Dubuque.
- Amendments to contracts with AECOM Technical Services Inc., Atkins North America Inc., Dewberry Engineers Inc., and Michael Baker International Inc., for a total addition of \$3.8 million to the contracts. The purpose of these amendments is to add money and extend the time frame of these contractors to perform further floodplain mapping services. The funding source for these contracts is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) [Grant](#).
- Amendment to a contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to add \$482,000 in funding and extend the time of the contract for another year. The contractor provides Program Management and Community Engagement and Risk Communication Floodplain Mapping Services for the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Floodplain Managing Program. The funding source for this contract is a FEMA CTP Grant.
- Contract with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) not to exceed \$100,000 for the Yellow River Headwaters Water Quality Project. The Project aims to reduce bacterial loading in the North Fork Yellow River and Yellow River in Winneshiek and Allamakee counties. The funding source for this contract is U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water Act (CWA) Section [319](#) grant.
- Contract with IDALS not to exceed \$289,876 for the Black Hawk Lake Watershed Project. The focus of the Project is to reduce nutrient and sediment loss in Black Hawk Lake. The funding source for this contract is a U.S. EPA CWA Section 319 grant.

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- Contract with United States Geological Survey (USGS) Water Science Center not to exceed \$375,520. The purpose of the contract is to have the USGS assist the DNR in the collection of real-time surface water flow and water quality concentrations. The funding source for this contract is the [Environment First Fund](#).

Additional Approved Items. The following items were also approved by the Commission:

- The Commission approved the fee of \$95 for Water Use and Allocation Annual Permits.
- The Commission approved Iowa Administrative Rule [567 IAC 81.17\(1\)"h"](#).

Next Meeting. The next EPC meeting will be held via teleconference on October 19, 2021, at 10 a.m.

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