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### NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — NOVEMBER 2022

**Meeting.** The [Natural Resource Commission](#) (NRC) met on November 10, 2022. Among the topics discussed were the following.

**Donations Approved.** The Commission approved 25 donations for a total of \$7,700. The donations ranged from \$20 to \$6,600.

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

- A contract amendment with Leffler Dirtworks, LLC, not to exceed \$100,000, to continue brush and tree removal and piling services. The funding for this contract will come from Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Land Management.
- A contract amendment with Iowa State University (ISU), not to exceed \$990,171, to support a project-managing biologist and up to 25 seasonal employees to collect data for the Multiple Species Inventory and Monitoring Program (MSIM). The funding for this contract will come from federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) State Wildlife Grant Program funds.
- A contract with Visual Labs, Inc., not to exceed \$96,000, for body cameras for park rangers. The funding for this contract will come from the General Fund.
- A contract with LT Leon Associates, Inc., not to exceed \$149,300, to initiate mitigation for recreational safety and fish passage for the lower and upper dams of the Upper Iowa River. The funding for this contract will come from Marine Fuel Tax funds.
- A contract with MAD Scientist Associates, LLC, not to exceed \$92,947, to conduct a three-year study of the salamander mussel and mudpuppy in northeast Iowa rivers. The funding for this contract will come from a federal grant.
- A contract amendment with Agriland, Inc., for \$38,000, to continue the company's assistance with the administration of habitat management leases. The funding for this contract will come from Great Lakes Wildlife Management Unit operations funding.
- A contract amendment with Agri-Valley Farm Management, LLC, for \$22,000, to continue the company's assistance with the administration of habitat management leases. The funding for this contract will come from Loess Hill State Forest operations funding.
- A contract amendment with Growthland for \$9,000, to continue the company's assistance with the administration of habitat management leases. The funding for this contract will come from Stephens State Forest operations funding.

**Construction Items Approved.** The following construction items were approved:

- A project to replace the dock system at the Storm Lake Marina. The cost of the project is estimated at \$360,000. The project will receive funding from Marine Fuel Tax funds.
- A project to provide maintenance to a roadway at Dewey's Pasture Wildlife Management Area. The cost of the project is estimated at \$130,000. The project will receive funding from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Parks and Institutional Road Fund.
- A project to provide maintenance to a roadway at Bellevue State Park. The cost of the project is estimated at \$246,000. The project will receive funding from the DOT Parks and Institutional Roads Fund, Marine Fuel Tax funds, and Parks Infrastructure funds.
- A project to replace pipes, remove roots, and install cured-in-place pipe liner at Rock Creek State Park. The cost of the project is estimated at \$230,000. The project will receive funding from Parks Infrastructure funds.

**Other Items Approved.** The Commission also approved the following items:

- A Notice of Intended Action (NOIA) rulemaking to amend [571— IAC 15](#) to align with legislation that broadened the qualifications for who may obtain a lifetime trout fishing license and established a new annual armed forces annual fishing license and hunting and fishing combination license.
- Funding for nine Water Recreation Access Cost-Share (WRAC) grants totaling \$300,000. Funding for these grants comes from Marine Fuel Tax funds.
- Funding for Three Low-Head Dam Public Hazard Grants totaling \$500,000. Funding for these grants comes from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF).

**Agenda.** The agenda for this meeting can be found [here](#).

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

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