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### NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — MAY 2023

**Meeting.** The [Natural Resource Commission](#) (NRC) met on May 11, 2023. Among the topics discussed were the following.

**Donations Approved.** The Commission approved 13 donations for a total of \$1,300. The donations ranged from \$5 to \$500.

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

- A contract with Ducks Unlimited not to exceed \$385,000, to improve the water management system of the Riverton Wildlife Management Area (WMA) by replacing an undersized outlet structure in its North Refuge Unit. The funding for this contract will come from a federal North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant and from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- A contract with Iowa State University (ISU) not to exceed \$163,000, to provide the service of conducting research on bumblebee use of sites enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and established in certain conservation practices designed to benefit bee pollinators. The funding for this contract will come from a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant.

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

- A project at Lake Manawa State Park for parking and boat ramp renovations on the west side of the park. The cost of the project is estimated at \$600,000, and the project will use federal Boat Safety moneys as well as Marine Fuel Tax moneys. The contract for this project was awarded to Carly Construction, LLC, from Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- A project at the State Forest Nursery in Ames, Iowa, to construct a hoop building structure over the existing mulch storage area. The cost of the project is estimated at \$230,000, and the project will use a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Grant as the funding source. The contract for this project was awarded to A&B Construction, Ltd., from Harper, Iowa.
- A project at Lake Wapello State Park to construct an office and storage building for the park. The cost of the project is estimated at \$910,000 and will be funded entirely through infrastructure funds. The contract for the project was awarded to Burkett Construction, LLC, from De Soto, Iowa.
- A project at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park for the construction of a pedestrian trail from the campground to the beach and cabins of the park. The cost of the project is estimated at \$185,000 and will be paid entirely by a private donation from the Lacey-Keosauqua Friends Group. The contract for the project was awarded to Cole Construction Co., Inc., from Keosauqua, Iowa, at the request of the Lacey-Keosauqua Friends Group.
- A project to repair flood damage at the following six different wildlife management areas: Tyson Bend WMA, Rosenow Timber WMA, Deer Island WMA, Louisville WMA, Weedland WMA, and Luton WMA. The cost of the project is estimated at \$549,000 and will be funded through funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Executive Council.

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

- The purchase of 51 acres of land adjacent to Wood Duck Marsh WMA near Lake Mills, Iowa. The land will provide for critical wildlife habitat and water quality enhancement to adjacent lands. The purchase price of the land is \$72,000, and the funding sources consist of Wildlife Habitat Stamp moneys as well as NAWCA funds.

- An amendment to a 28E agreement with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for \$6.8 million. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be transferring the money to the DAS for the deferred maintenance costs associated with Honey Creek Resort near Moravia, Iowa. Funding for the transfer will come from a special FY 2024 legislative appropriation of \$6.0 million, and the remaining will come from FY 2023 State Park Infrastructure funds.

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

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

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