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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2023

Meeting. The [Natural Resource Commission \(NRC\)](#) met on September 14, 2023. Among the topics discussed were the following.

Donations Approved. The NRC approved two donations for a total of approximately \$1,700. The donations ranged from \$165 to \$1,500.

Contracts Approved. The following contracts were approved:

- A contract amendment with Ducks Unlimited, Inc., not to exceed \$267,000, for the construction of a new water control structure and a fish barrier at Eagle Lake in Hancock County. The funding sources for the contract will consist of a North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and funds from the Lake Restoration Program.
- A contract with the city of Guttenberg, not to exceed approximately \$35,000, to extend the city's boat ramp on the Mississippi River. Funding for this contract will come from the Marine Fuel Tax Fund.
- A contract with the Black Hawk County Conservation Board, not to exceed approximately \$84,000, to retain the consultant providing engineering services for the restoration of Casey Lake. Funding for this contract will come from Lake Restoration Program dollars.
- A contract with the Poweshiek County Conservation Board, not to exceed \$78,000, to retain the consultant providing engineering services for the restoration of Diamond Lake Park. Funding for this contract will come from Lake Restoration Program dollars.

Construction Projects Approved. The following construction projects were approved:

- A project at Wapsipinicon State Park in Jones County to repair a bridge near Dutch Creek. The cost of the project is estimated at \$74,000, and the project will receive funds from State Parks and Institutional Roads Program funds. The contract for the project was awarded to Connolly Excavating, Inc., from Cascade.
- A project at Red Haw State Park in Lucas County for the demolition of the concrete concession building at the beach and the construction of a new design guide shelter in its place, as well as the removal of two damaged concrete pads. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$190,000, and the funding was approved through the Executive Council. The contract for the project was awarded to Haworth Land Construction from Indianola.
- A project at Goose Lake Wildlife Management Area in Clinton County to replace the water control structure and outlet pipe with a new concrete box structure and concrete pipe. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$105,000, and the funding will come from Marine Fuel Tax Fund dollars. The contract for the project was awarded to Offset Construction, LLC, from Farley.
- A project at Lake Ahquabi State Park in Warren County to replace the existing corrugated metal pipe spillway. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$74,000, and the funding will come from Lake Restoration Program dollars. The contract for the project was awarded to IA Builders Dirt Work, LLC, from Albia.

Other Items. The Commission also approved the FY 2025 budget request from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

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

Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

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