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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — JUNE 2024

Meeting. The [Natural Resource Commission \(NRC\)](#) met on June 13, 2024. Among the topics discussed were the following:

Construction Projects Approved. The following construction projects were approved:

- A project at Red Haw State Park in Lucas County to rebuild a portion of the campground that was damaged by a tornado. The cost of the project is estimated at \$440,000, and the project will receive funds from the Executive Council. The contract for the project was awarded to Nagel Construction LLC from Allerton, Iowa.
- A project at Yellow River State Forest in Allamakee County to create a floodplain bench and stabilize the streambank. The cost of the project is estimated at \$180,000, and the project will receive funds from federal 319 Grant Program moneys and private funds. The contract for the project was awarded to Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. from Dubuque, Iowa.

Land Acquisitions Approved. The following land acquisitions were approved:

- 55 acres at Dekalb Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Decatur County for \$311,000. The land will provide additional public access to the existing complex that is open to public hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The funding sources for the acquisition will come from federal Pittman-Robertson funds and Wildlife Habitat Stamp moneys.
- 9 acres at Otter Creek WMA in Tama County for \$12,000. The land will allow for improved management of the WMA, and the land will be open to public hunting and other outdoor recreation activities. The funding for the acquisition will come from Wildlife Habitat Stamp moneys.
- 15 acres at Shell Rock Bend WMA in Butler County for approximately \$74,000. The land will allow public access for hunting and other outdoor recreation activities. The funding sources for the acquisition will come from federal Pittman-Robertson funds and Wildlife Habitat Stamp moneys.
- Approximately 32 acres at McCoy WMA in Boone County for \$240,000. The land will provide additional public access to the existing complex that is open to public hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The funding source will come from a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Private/Public Grant.
- 20 acres at Big Marsh WMA in Butler County for \$98,000. The land will be used to connect two parcels at the WMA to eliminate boundary issues and ease management issues for local staff. The land will also allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The funding sources for this acquisition will come from a Wildlife Restoration Land Grant and various Pheasants Forever and Whitetails organizations.
- 1 acre at Palisades-Kepler State Park in Linn County, donated by the Linn County Board of Supervisors. The acquisition will remove two inholdings from the State Park and alleviate potential management issues with the county.
- Approximately 10 acres at the Falcon Springs WMA in Winneshiek County for approximately \$90,000. The land will be used to increase the amount of habitat for the Rusty Patch Bumblebee, which is federally endangered, and protect a sink hole by placing a permanent buffer around the hole. The land will also allow for access to public hunting and other outdoor opportunities. The funding sources for the acquisition will come from a Wildlife Restoration Land Grant and Wildlife Habitat Stamp moneys.
- 57 acres at the Grannis WMA in Fayette County for approximately \$372,000. The land will be used to connect two parcels of the WMA and alleviate boundary and ease management issues for local staff,

while also providing public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The funding for this acquisition will come from a Wildlife Restoration Land Grant and Wildlife Habitat Stamp moneys.

Other Items Approved. The following other items were approved:

- A cooperative agreement with the Scott County Conservation Board (SCCB) not to exceed \$225,000 to allow the SCCB to undertake the care, operation, and maintenance of the Cody Shooting Complex in Scott County. Funding for this agreement will come from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- The 2024 to 2025 Deer Management Zone Hunt plan.
- The Iowa City deer management plan for 2024 to 2029, after the Commission amended the plan.

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

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be July 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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