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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION MEETING — AUGUST 2024

Meeting. The [Environmental Protection Commission \(EPC\)](#) met on August 20, 2024. The following topics were discussed:

Contracts Approved.

- A contract amendment with Stantec, Inc. for approximately \$490,000 to add funding for program management and communication outreach and mitigation strategies for floodplain mapping services for the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) floodplain mapping program. Funding for this contract will come from a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) Grant.
- A contract amendment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and AtkinsRéalis USA Inc. for approximately \$1.7 million to add funds to the original contracts to complete new projects without extending the previous deadline. The contracts provide floodplain mapping services for the development of flood risk management data and flood insurance rate maps in specified watersheds and counties in Iowa. Funding for these contracts will come from a FEMA grant.
- A contract amendment with the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) GeoTREE Center for \$150,000 to add additional funding to the original contract for Geographic Information System (GIS) services. The funding for this contract will come from GIS infrastructure funds and federal grant dollars.
- A contract amendment with Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt, Consulting Engineers, Inc. for approximately \$400,000 to implement stakeholder recommendations provided through the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Vision for Iowa Initiative. The funding for this contract will come from a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant and from the Groundwater Protection Fund (GWPF) Solid Waste Account.
- A contract with Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District, not to exceed \$250,000, to provide funding to support the Enhancing Conservation Technical Assistance Delivery to Historically Underserved Farmers in the Middle Cedar River Watershed project. The funding for this contract will come from a U.S. EPA Farmer to Farmer grant.
- A contract with Polk County Conservation Board, not to exceed approximately \$70,000, to help complete the restoration project at Easter Lake. The funding for the contract will come from an EPA Section 319 Grant.

Other Item Approved.

- The Water Allocation and Use Program annual permit fee of \$115 per permit for FY 2025, which is the same fee as FY 2024.

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