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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — NOVEMBER 2024

Meeting. The [Natural Resource Commission \(NRC\)](#) met on November 14, 2024. Among the topics discussed were the following:

Contracts Approved. The NRC approved the following contracts:

- An extension of a cooperative agreement with Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Association not to exceed \$225,000 to fund an executive director position. The funding for this contract will come from the All-Terrain Vehicle Registration Fund.
- A contract with the Wildlife Management Institute not to exceed \$100,000 for a cooperative agreement to collaboratively manage the Midwest Grassland Conservation Delivery Network. The funding for this contract will come from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- A contract with Shive-Hattery Architecture and Engineering not to exceed approximately \$110,000 to hire a firm to create technical specifications for an alum dosing protocol for Silver Lake and complete groundwater and lake response modeling to determine levels of risk associated with draining the lake for a mechanical dredging project. The funding for this contract will come from the Lake Restoration Program.
- A contract with the Poweshiek County Conservation Board (PCCB) not to exceed approximately \$340,000 to work with the PCCB to rehabilitate two large watershed ponds within Diamond Lake County Park and build one new pond, as well as stabilize a section of stream within the park. The funding for this contract will come from the Lake Restoration Program.
- A contract with the City of Creston not to exceed approximately \$1.8 million to construct a lake restoration project at McKinley Lake. The funding for this contract will come from the Lake Restoration Program.
- A contract with Iowa State University (ISU) not to exceed approximately \$2.0 million to support a project-managing biologist and up to 25 seasonal employees each year to collect data for the Multiple Species Inventory and Monitoring (MSIM) Program. The funding for the contract will come from the Federal United States Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Grant Program.

Construction Projects Approved. The NRC approved the following construction projects:

- A project at Beeds Lake State Park in Franklin County to convey wastewater to the City of Hampton through a 3.5-mile force main. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$2.0 million and will receive funds from a Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and parks infrastructure funds. The contract for the project was awarded to McDowell & Sons Contractors, Inc., from Iowa Falls.
- A project at Clear Lake State Park in Cerro Gordo County to replace a water line and add 11 community hydrants throughout the campground. The project is estimated to cost \$525,000 and will receive funds from a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant and infrastructure funds. The contract for the project was awarded to Vicker Drilling LLC from Creston.
- A project at Diamond Lake Park in Poweshiek County to clean out approximately 32,000 cubic yards of deposited sediment, construct a new sediment pond, and stabilize approximately 600 feet of stream bed. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$710,000 and will receive funds from the Lake Restoration Program and from the Poweshiek County Conservation Board. The contract was awarded to DeLong Construction, Inc., from Washington.

Administrative Rules Approved. The NRC approved the following administrative rules:

- A Notice of Intended Action (NOIA) to rescind rules [571 IAC 36](#) pertaining to Green Valley Lake special activity rules, [571 IAC 38](#) pertaining to boat registration and numbering, [571 IAC 39](#) pertaining to boating passenger capacity, [571 IAC 40](#) pertaining to boating speed and distance zoning, [571 IAC 41](#) pertaining to boating navigation aids, [571 IAC 42](#) pertaining to boating accident reports, [571 IAC 43](#) pertaining to motorboat noise, and [571 IAC 45](#) pertaining to boat motor regulations; and to rescind and replace [571 IAC 37](#) pertaining to boating safety equipment with a new consolidated chapter.
- A NOIA to rescind and replace [571 IAC 56](#) pertaining to shooting sports program grants.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 44](#) pertaining to special events and fireworks displays.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 48](#) pertaining to inspection of permanently moored vessels.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 49](#) pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in meandered streams, navigable streams, and trout streams.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 55](#) pertaining to nonpermanent structures.
- A NOIA to rescind and replace [571 IAC 46](#) pertaining to all-terrain vehicles, off-road motorcycles, and off-road utility vehicles.
- A NOIA to rescind and replace [571 IAC 47](#) pertaining to snowmobiles.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 61](#) pertaining to state parks, recreation areas, and state forest camping, and to rescind [571 IAC 63](#) pertaining to keg beer rules.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 64](#) pertaining to metal detector use in State areas.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 66](#) pertaining to the Saylorville multiuse trail.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 67](#) pertaining to development and management of recreational trails on state forests, parks, preserves and recreations areas.
- A NOIA to rescind and replace [51 IAC 50](#) pertaining to regulated vehicle, snowmobile, and vessel bonding.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 51](#) pertaining to game management areas.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 52](#) pertaining to wildlife refuges.
- A NOIA to consolidate [571 IAC 91](#), [571 IAC 92](#), [571 IAC 97](#), and [571 IAC 102](#) into one chapter pertaining to migratory game bird hunting.
- A NOIA to consolidate [571 IAC 96](#), [571 IAC 100](#), and [571 IAC 107](#) into one chapter pertaining to small game hunting.
- A NOIA to consolidate [571 IAC 98](#) and [571 IAC 99](#) into one chapter pertaining to wild turkey hunting.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 101](#) pertaining to falconry regulations.
- A NOIA to rescind and replace [571 IAC 105](#) pertaining to deer population management zones.
- A NOIA to consolidate [571 IAC 108](#), [571 IAC 109](#), and [571 IAC 110](#) into one chapter pertaining to wild furbearer trapping and hunting.
- A NOIA to rescind and replace [571 IAC 114](#) pertaining to nuisance wildlife control.
- A NOIA to rescind and replace [571 IAC 54](#) pertaining to restrictions on introduction and removal of plant life.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 72](#) pertaining to timber buyers.
- A NOIA to update [571 IAC 73](#) pertaining to forest and fruit tree reservations.
- A NOIA to rescind [571 IAC 74](#) pertaining to the Forest Land Enhancement Program.

Other Item Approved. The NRC approved Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program county, city, and private open spaces grants.

Agenda. The agenda for this meeting can be found on the NRC [website](#).

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be December 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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