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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2025

Meeting. The [Natural Resource Commission \(NRC\)](#) met on September 11, 2025. The agenda for this meeting is available at the DNR's [website](#). Among the topics discussed were the following:

Contract. The NRC approved a contract amendment with Shive-Hattery not to exceed approximately \$30,000 to design a suite of stormwater and/or beach treatment options at Big Creek State Park and Brushy Creek State Park to reduce environmental risks to beach users. Funding for the contract will come from the Lake Restoration Program.

Construction Projects. The NRC approved the following construction projects:

- A project at Iowa Great Lakes in Dickinson County to repair the toe slope by grading the slope of the eroded areas and installing rock revetment to prevent future erosion. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$870,000 and will receive funds from the Lake Restoration Program. The contract for the project was awarded to Midwest Lake Service from Spirit Lake.
- A project at Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Johnson County to repair a breach in the Knapp Creek Dike and construct an emergency spillway to help control future flooding. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$65,000 and will receive funds from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund. The contract was awarded to Neuzil & Sons from Oxford.

Public Land Acquisitions. The NRC approved the following land acquisitions:

- A donation of 103.0 acres in Lucas County between Slab Castle Wildlife Area and Chariton River Green Belt to connect public lands owned by the Lucas County Conservation Board, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the State of Iowa to provide public access from Chariton to Rathbun Lake Dam.
- A purchase of 253.0 acres in Lucas County between Slab Castle Wildlife Area and Chariton River Green Belt for \$950,000. The land will connect public lands owned by the Lucas County Conservation Board, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the State of Iowa to provide public access from Chariton to Rathbun Lake Dam.

Administrative Rules. The NRC approved the following administrative rules:

- A Notice of Intended Action (NOIA) to amend [571 IAC 108](#) pertaining to wild furbearer trapping and hunting to correct an error that was the result of a multi-species consolidation of several chapters and ensure consistent style and formatting.
- A NOIA to amend [571 IAC 106](#) pertaining to deer hunting to propose a new resident hunting zone, new licensing procedures, and means and methods of take for that zone; create a new disabled veterans deer privilege; clarify youth deer licenses are available to purchase throughout all deer seasons; and make a change to the Deer Depredation Program.
- A NOIA to amend [571 IAC 7](#), [571 IAC 8](#), and [571 IAC 11](#) pertaining to rules of practice in contested cases, contracts for services and public improvements, and waivers from administrative rules, respectively, to simplify and streamline the chapters.

Other Item. The NRC approved the competitive grant program selection criteria for the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program's Conservation Education Grants.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on October 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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