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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — MAY 2026

Meeting. The [Natural Resource Commission \(NRC\)](#) met on May 14, 2026. The agenda for this meeting is available at the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) [website](#). The following topics were discussed:

Contracts.

- A contract with Insight Public Sector not to exceed approximately \$128,000 for an annual license agreement for VUEWorks enterprise asset management software, which will house inventory of critical assets managed by the State Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau. Funding for the contract will come from the General Fund.
- A contract with Lyon County Conservation Board (LCCB) not to exceed approximately \$115,000 to hire a qualified engineering firm to complete a diagnostic and feasibility study and assess the viability of lake restoration practices to improve water quality, infrastructure, habitat, and recreational opportunities at Lake Pahoja. Funding for the contract will come from the Lake Restoration Program.
- A contract amendment with Shive-Hattery not to exceed \$56,000 for changes in scope and fee related to services needed to address project design requirements identified during design development. Funding for the contract will come from parks infrastructure moneys.
- A contract amendment with Shive-Hattery not to exceed \$133,000 to move forward with services related to implementation of phase 2 of a contract with Shive-Hattery. Funding for the contract will come from the Parks and Institutional Roads Fund.
- A contract with Shive-Hattery not to exceed approximately \$82,000 to hire a qualified engineering consultant firm to design a bridge replacement at the Red Rock Wildlife Management Area in Marion County. Funding for the contract will come from the Parks and Institutional Roads Fund.

Construction Projects.

- The NRC approved the following construction projects:
- A project at Spring Run wildlife complex in Dickinson County to begin a wetland restoration project. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$357,000 and will receive Lake Restoration Fund moneys. The contract for the project was awarded to Bedrock Gravel, Inc., from Schleswig.
 - A project at Swan Lake State Park in Carroll County for the construction of a wet wall and drawdown valve. The project is estimated to cost \$130,000 and will receive Lake Restoration Fund moneys. The contract for the project was awarded to Lejas Corporation from Tempe, Arizona.
 - A project at George Wyth State Park in Black Hawk County for the removal of existing buildings and construction of a new office attached to a five-bay shop building. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.4 million and will receive Park Infrastructure Fund moneys as well as moneys from the Coast Guard. The contract for the project was awarded to Matt Construction Inc. from Sumner.

Other Items.

- The NRC took action on the following other items:
- Denied a request from the city of Iowa City for a professional sharpshoot during the winter of 2026-2027 to reduce deer numbers in Iowa City.
 - Approved a grant recommendation of \$300,000 to Iowa Confluence Water Trails for the construction of safety, fish passage, and recreation features to replace the Scott Avenue low-head dam in Des Moines. The funding for the grant will come from the DNR's Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund appropriation.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on June 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

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