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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2026

Meeting. The [Natural Resource Commission \(NRC\)](#) met on July 9, 2026. The agenda for this meeting is available at the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) [website](#). The following topics were discussed:

Contracts. The NRC approved the following contracts:

- A contract with Insight Public Sector not to exceed approximately \$66,000 to continue an agreement for phone-based body cameras used by the DNR's Law Enforcement Bureau. Funding for the contract will come from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- A contract with Aquatic Control, Inc., not to exceed \$60,000 to apply herbicides targeting floating and emergent aquatic vegetation across 20 lake systems. Funding for the contract will come from the Lake Restoration Program.

Construction Projects. The NRC approved the following construction projects:

- A project at Lake Anita State Park in Cass County to replace existing four-inch clay pipes with eight-inch clay pipes to address ongoing tree root issues, replace damaged manholes, remove or plug old sewers and manholes that are no longer required, and perform work on water mains. The project is estimated to cost \$510,000 and will receive park infrastructure moneys and moneys from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The contract for the project was awarded to Western Iowa Utilities, Inc., from Council Bluffs.
- A project at Lake Wapello State Park in Davis County to improve the wastewater treatment system by providing aeration upgrades, installing an additional baffle, and incorporating new sampling equipment as well as a flow meter. The project is estimated to cost \$405,000 and will receive state park infrastructure moneys. The contract for the project was awarded to Joiner Construction Co. from Plano.
- A project at Green Island and Princeton Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) in Jackson and Scott counties for the repair of over six miles of dikes and infrastructure and to armor a mile of the main levee in Green Island WMA. The project is estimated to cost \$4.3 million and will receive moneys from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as well as moneys from the Executive Council. The contract for the project was awarded to Boomerang Corp. from Anamosa.
- A project at Springbrook Education Center in Guthrie County to demolish the education center buildings and other obsolete buildings and return the site to a natural state. The project is estimated to cost \$215,000 and will receive moneys from the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program. The contract for the project was awarded to Jason Roberts, LLC, from Adair.
- A project at various parks and recreation areas within the Iowa Great Lakes region for maintenance of roads and culverts at the parks and areas. The project is estimated to cost \$965,000 and will receive park infrastructure moneys as well as moneys from the Parks and Institutional Roads Fund. The contract for the project was awarded to Beck Excavating, Inc., from Spirit Lake.
- A project at Pammel State Park in Madison County to stabilize and clean the rockface of Harmon Tunnel at the park. The project is estimated to cost \$93,000 and will receive moneys from the Executive Council. The contract for the project was awarded to Rockstars Slope Stabilization, LLC, from Oregon City, Oregon.

Other Items. The NRC took action on the following items:

- Upheld the original decision on an appeal for a case between Custom Tree Care, LLC, and the Iowa DNR after hearing oral arguments.

- Approved county antlerless deer quota changes for the 2026-2027 seasons.
- Approved a public land donation of approximately three acres near West Salt Creek WMA in Tama County. The land will be used to improve the DNR's ability to manage the area and will be open to public outdoor recreation.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on August 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

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