

Appeal Board

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The State Appeal Board is governed by four separate chapters of the *Code of Iowa*. Chapter 23 covers public contracts and bonds and allows citizens to appeal from decisions of municipalities on public improvements. Chapter 24 covers local budget laws whereby citizens can appeal on budgets adopted by municipalities. Chapter 25 covers claims against the state of Iowa and by the state of Iowa against municipalities. Chapter 669 covers tort claims filed by people against the state of Iowa when a state agency or any of its employees may have caused negligence, a wrongful act, or omission.

The Appeal Board reviews all claims under Chapters 25 and 669 after receiving recommendations from the special assistant attorney general for claims, and may pay such claims. Claims denied under Chapter 25 are referred to the Iowa Legislature.

NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Larry J. Wilson, director; Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5145

The Department of Natural Resources was established on July 1, 1986 by combining the Conservation Commission, the Department of Water, Air and Waste Management, the Geological Survey, and part of the Energy Policy Council.

The department director is appointed by the governor and requires Senate confirmation. There are two commissions in the department: the Natural Resource Commission and the Environmental Protection Commission. Both commissions have broad authority to set policy, and adopt rules and standards for the management and protection of the state's natural resources. The department director is responsible for the administration of the agency.

The agency is charged with the management and protection of the state's fish and wildlife, parks, forests and preserves, and with providing for public use of these resources. It also has jurisdiction over state-owned meandered lakes and streams. Additionally, the agency is responsible for improving and maintaining the quality of the state's water, air, and land resources. Floodplain management, water quality in public water supplies, air and water pollution control and enforcement, waste management, and assisting communities in grant applications in these fields are included in the department's operations.

Energy conservation and research, as well as data collection and reporting on the state's geological resources, are also functions of the agency.

To help meet these operational duties, the department also employs administrative support groups in public information, licensing, office management, data processing, and other similar roles.

Environmental Protection Commission

VERLON BRITT, Elgin; term expires 1997
 KATHRYN DRAEGER, Bronson; term expires 1999
 WILLIAM EHM, Creston; term expires 1997
 ROZANNE KING, Mondamin; term expires 1997
 CHARLOTTE MOHR, Eldridge; term expires 1999
 KATHRYN MURPHY, LeMars; term expires 1997
 GARY PRIEBE, Algona; term expires 1999
 TERRANCE TOWNSEND; Newton; term expires 1997
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Natural Resources Commission

MARK DOLL, Council Bluffs; term expires 1997
 RICHARD GARRELS, Mt. Pleasant; term expires 1997
 MARIAN L. KIEFFER, Bellevue; term expires 2001
 THOMAS MONROE, Sigourney; term expires 1999
 JOAN SCHNEIDER, Okoboji; term expires 2001
 DOUGLAS R. SMALLEY, Des Moines; term expires 1999
 LAVONNE TROYNA, New Hampton; term expires 1999
 State Forester: WILLIAM FARRIS
 State Geologist: DONALD KOCH