

November 9, 2022
Polk County Administration Bldg., Room 120
111 Court Ave., Des Moines, IA
5:30 PM – PCC Board Meeting

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in person for regular session Wednesday, November 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- #22-1101 **Roll Call**
Members Present: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent: **Crane**
- #22-1102 **Public Comments**
- #22-1103 **Multi-Species Inventory & Modeling Presentation – Dr. Keith Summerville**
- #22-1104 **Sleepy Hollow Presentation- Jeff Condon**
- #22-1105 **Financial Reports**
- #22-1106 **MOVED BY Altringer to approve the October 12, 2022 meeting minutes.**
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent: **Crane**

CONSENT AGENDA

- #22-1107 **Approving** bill list.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Altringer** to approve the consent agenda.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent: **Crane**

ACTION ITEMS

- #22-1108 **Approving** the purchase and delivery of infrastructure and equipment for Sleepy Hollow Sports Park for a total cost not to exceed \$1,716,970.83. Purchases include all-season turf for the tubing hill, a new conveyor lift, new snow tubes, and on-site maintenance vehicles.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Mollenhauer** to approve Action Item 22-1108.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent: **Crane**

#22-1109 **Approving** the purchase of 66.5 acres of land, known as the Meek Property, from Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation within Fourmile Creek Greenway.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Mollenhauer to approve Action Item 22-1109.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent: **Crane**

#22-1110 **Approving** cooperative agreement with the Iowa DNR for financial assistance from the Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant to fund the Bailey Property acquisition at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt (CBG).

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Altringer to approve Action Item 22-1110.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent: **Crane**

#22-1111 **Awarding** lowest contractor bid for tree removal at Easter Lake Park to Green Tree Care & Habitat Restoration in a contracted amount of \$51,250.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Cataldo to approve Action Item 22-1111.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Cataldo**
Nay: Altringer
Members Absent: **Crane**

#22-1112 **Awarding** lowest contractor bid for Timber Stand Improvement at Easter Lake Park to Adaptive Wildlife Management in a maximum contracted amount of \$70,000.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Cataldo to approve Action Item 22-1112.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent: **Crane**

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director's Remarks –

Brenton Slough – we are in active negotiations and hope to have some resolution by next month.

We are also in active negotiations with the City of Des Moines to create a parking area near Lauridsen Skate Park from the land of the nearby dog park.

Our budget (operations/capital expenditures)/decision package has been internally finished. Next step is that Rich and Kami will be talking with county budget people and PCC Board members in December.

We are actively working on Trails End Mitigation Bank, collaborating with a contractor, USACE, EPA, and a few others, and getting closer to working out the details.

Update on the canoe/paddling access with West Des Moines (north of Browns Woods on the Raccoon River on 63rd or 1st St): Project Cost= \$1.1 Million. West Des Moines is paying for design and engineering and we have a grant to MidAmerican for \$125,000. That brings the project cost price tag down to \$1 Million, which we have negotiated with West Des Moines to split 50/50. PCC is using BOND funding for this project and part of the ICON agreement is managing any land that is funded by BOND \$, so we are working on getting West Des Moines to deed over the portion of land for the canoe/paddling access.

Connected with the canoe/paddling access is "Shore Signals", a pre-Covid initiative to pursue a National Endowment of the Arts grant to do a public art piece at the canoe/paddling access location that ties into public safety. We are estimating this to be a \$120,000 project and will be presenting the project briefly at the December PCC board meeting.

Board & Chair Remarks – no board remarks

CLOSED SESSION – No Closed Session

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THIS MEETING IS
ADJOURNED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.