

Polk County Conservation Board
5:30 p.m. - Polk County Administration Bldg., Room 120
111 Court Ave., Des Moines, IA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in person for regular session on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- #21-1001 Roll Call
Members Present: **Crane, Lewis, Altringer (Zoom), Mollenhauer, Cataldo**
Members Absent:
- #21-1002 Public Comments
- #21-1003 Brown's Woods Management Plan Presentation – Cassie Cook
- #21-1004 Financial Reports
- #21-1005 **MOVED BY Mollenhauer** to approve the September 8, 2021 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: **Crane, Mollenhauer, Lewis, Altringer (Zoom)**
Members Absent:
Members Abstaining: **Cataldo**

CONSENT AGENDA

- #21-1006 **Approving** bill list.
- #21-1007 **Ratifying** approval of Polk County COVID Vaccination and Testing Policy adoption to be effective 9-14-21 for all Polk County Conservation staff.
- #21-1008 **Recommending** to the Polk County Board of Supervisors to dispose of Polk County property to Cole Scheffler as this sale does not interfere with the intent or purpose of park use and directing staff to negotiate price and terms with Mr. Scheffler.
- #21-1009 **Awarding** the lowest compliant bid for Phase 1 Archaeological Surveys at five sites in the Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt to the Office of the State Archaeologist in a contracted amount of \$28,998.

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

ACTION ITEMS

#21-1010 **Approving** the Change Order with Roger's Septic Inc. to add lighting at the Jester Park RV Dump Station in an amount not to exceed \$26,231.00.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Cataldo** to approve Action Item 21-1010 with revision to wording in Write Up to reflect that Change Order is not impactful to contingency fund associated with the project.

Vote Yea: **Altringer, Lewis, Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Crane**

Members Absent:

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director's Remarks

10-28-21: REAP Assembly at Raccoon River Park for Region II. Will be electing representatives to go to REAP Congress.

Polk County Water and Land Legacy Bond vote will be Nov 2 and decided by the next PCC Board Meeting! Thanks to all who have committed time and energy to promote the Bond!

Mark Ackelson & Adam Fendrick did Bond presentation at Pleasant Hill City meeting – it went really well and Mark and Adam did a great job!

Strategic Plan update – expect to see a DEI report in December, as well as a Sustainability Committee report. The Land Acquisition Committee has identified the top 10 priorities and it is recommended that the PCC Board meet at the end of next month's PCC Board Meeting for an hour to discuss future land acquisition opportunities.

PCC has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Des Moines MPO.

Questions to PCC Board Members:

1. Would you like PCC Business Cards? Answer: Yes
2. Do the monthly staff reports need to be condensed more (less text/pics) or do they contain an acceptable amount of information/pictures? Answer: No changes needed – pictures are great!

Suggestion from PCC Board member Pam Mollenhauer: Include a dashboard of strategic plan metrics to show progress against goals each month.

Board & Chair Remarks

Greg Lewis attended the Isaac Walton League meeting with Rich Leopold – Rich did a great job securing Isaac Walton's endorsement for the Bond. Next week Rich will be presenting at the Iowa Taxpayers Association. It was mentioned that school board meetings tend to have the same demographic of voters that would vote on Nov 2 – might be good opportunities to present Bond information.

CLOSED SESSION

#21-1011 Moved by **Mollenhauer** to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property.
Vote Yea: **Crane, Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Altringer, Lewis**
Members Absent:

Closed Session Attendees: Katie Stoklasa, Rich Leopold, Ryan Crane, Cassie Cook, Doug Shreeley, Kate Clark, Greg Lewis, Natalie McFarlane, Jill Altringer, Pam Mollenhauer, Jim Cataldo, Adam Fendrick

Action on closed session:

Moved by Mollenhauer to return to open session.

Vote Yea: **Crane, Altringer, Lewis, Mollenhauer, Cataldo**

Members Absent:

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.