

Polk County Conservation Board
Jester Park Nature Center
12130 NW 128th St Granger, IA 50109
Classrooms B&C
5:30 p.m. – PCC Board Meeting

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in person for regular session Wednesday, September 14, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

- #22-0901 **Roll Call**
Members Present: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Crane, Altringer, Cataldo (Zoom)**
Members Absent:
- #22-0902 **Public Comments**
- #22-0903 **New Employee Introduction**
a. **Jeff Condon - Leisure Services Manager**
b. **Ken Crise - Full Time Construction Technician**
- #22-0904 **Financial Reports**
- #22-0905 **MOVED BY Mollenhauer** to approve the August 10, 2022 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Crane, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

- #22-0906 **Approving** bill list.

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

ACTION ITEMS

- #22-0907 **Approving** of the 2022-2023 minor bond projects.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Altringer** to approve Action Item 22-0907.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Crane, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent:

#22-0908 **Approving** the purchase and delivery of a precast concrete restroom/shower building and two vault toilet buildings at Jester Park Campground 4, Youth Campground, and Shelter 6 for a total cost not to exceed \$234,285 to Huffcutt, Inc.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Altringer** to approve Action Item 22-0908.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Crane, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent:

#22-0909 **Approving** of EV charging stations and electrical upgrades needed to accommodate EV charging stations at Jester Park Nature Center, Chichaqua Bottoms Maintenance Shop, and the Natural Resources Headquarters, not to exceed \$262,727.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Lewis, Mollenhauer 2nd** to approve Action Item 22-0909.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Crane**
Vote Nay: **Cataldo, Altringer**
Members Absent:

#22-0910 **Approving** a Federal Recreational Trails Grant application for the Mountain Bike Park project near Copper Creek and providing 20% matching funds from Polk County Conservation and other funding sources.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Altringer** to approve Action Item 22-0910.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Crane, Altringer, Cataldo**
Members Absent:

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director's Remarks –

PCC employees continue to do great work submitting applications and securing grants: a \$34,000 grant from The Toro Company has been awarded for storm damage at Yellow Banks Park, via the efforts of Ken Young and a PCC ranger.

Trestle To Trestle Trail Bridge Grand Opening is scheduled for tomorrow at 2:00 pm - \$2,000,000 final price tag – construction is finally done and accomplished without any federal funding!

Easter Lake North Shore development project – \$8.3 million has been raised so far – the fundraising goal was \$8.1 million during the Quiet Phase of the project. The Public Phase goal has been set at \$500,000 to facilitate staffing and programming efforts at Easter Lake. A \$225,000 grant has already been awarded from the Principal Foundation.

Adam Shirley (currently the director of Mitchell County Conservation) is the new director of ICCS – Tom Hazelton is stepping down but will still be working on a Part Time basis in an advisory capacity for MCP.com.

Board & Chair Remarks – None

CLOSED SESSION

#22-0911 Moved by **Altringer** 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: **Cataldo, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Lewis, Crane**
Members Absent:

Closed Session Roll Call: Katie Stoklasa, Rich Leopold, Kami Rankin, Cassie Cook, Doug Sheeley, Greg Lewis, Jill Altringer, Natalie McFarlane, Pam Mollenhauer, Jim Cataldo, Ryan Crane, Adam Fendrick

Action on closed session:

Moved by Lewis to return to open session.
Vote Yea: **Lewis, Cataldo, Crane, Mollenhauer**
Members Absent: **Altringer** (left at 7:24 p.m.)

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

Meeting adjourned at **7:44** p.m.