



AGENDA OUTLINE/MINUTES TEMPLATE

September 11, 2024
Four Mile Mountain Bike Park
1600 E 42nd Ct, Des Moines, IA 50317
5:30 PM

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD (ESTABLISHED 1956)

The Polk County Conservation Board met in person for regular session Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

- #24-0901 **Roll Call**
Members Present: **Altringer, Mollenhauer, Crane, Lewis, Feltner**
Members Absent:
- #24-0902 **Public Comments** None
- #24-0903 **Financial Reports**
- #24-0904 **Policy & Procedure Discussion Topic** None
- #24-0905 **Action on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)**

MOVED BY Mollenhauer to approve the August 14, 2024 meeting minutes.

SECONDED BY Feltner

Vote Yea: **Altringer, Mollenhauer, Crane, Lewis, Feltner**
Members Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

- #24-0906 **Approving** bill list.
- #24-0907 **Approving** the replacement of the heating and cooling units at the Jester Park Lodge for a total cost not to exceed \$48,145.00 to Dayton Heating and Air Conditioning. (pg 9)
- #24-0908 **Approving** the purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) to patrol Sleepy Hollow, Fourmile Creek Greenway, and the Fourmile Mountain Bike Park in an amount of \$30,731.11. (pg 15)

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Mollenhauer** to approve the consent agenda.

SECONDED BY Crane

Vote Yea: **Altringer, Mollenhauer, Crane, Lewis, Feltner**
Members Absent:

ACTION ITEMS

- #24-0909 **Approving** the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Polk County Conservation Board and Polk City for the partnership to develop the Polk City Junction Trail between the Neal Smith and High Trestle Trails. (pg 16)

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Crane to approve Action Item 24-0909.

SECONDED BY Mollenhauer

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

Members Absent:

- #24-0910 **Approving** the Purchase Agreement with David Bush to purchase 1.58 acres of property near Polk City, Iowa, for an amount of \$52,930.00 plus closing costs. (pg 24)

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Crane to approve Action Item 24-0910.

SECONDED BY Feltner

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

Members Absent:

- #24-0911 **Approving** an amendment to the Fourmile Creek Greenway Management and Maintenance Chapter 28E Agreement with the City of Des Moines. (pg 26)

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Lewis to approve Action Item 24-0911.

SECONDED BY Mollenhauer

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

Members Absent:

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director Remarks –

There were questions about people attending the Iowa Water Summit...Rich sent out emails regarding events to attend that PCC is sponsoring and while the Iowa Water Summit isn't one that is sponsored, there will be PCC staff speaking at the event. Two Board Members want to go to the Iowa Water Summit – for those who wish to go please submit receipts for reimbursement to PCC for the Iowa Water Summit registrations.

Lewis asked about hosting a Bass Tournament on Easter Lake. Some of the waters in our parks are owned by PCC and include the land below the water, the water, and the land around the water (Yellow Banks Pond, Thomas Mitchell Pond). However, other bodies of water in our parks are not owned by PCC. For example, Easter Lake is a state-owned lake. PCC owns most of the land around Easter Lake but the City of Des Moines owns a chunk next to Ewing Park. Can we host and regulate a bass tournament on Easter Lake? The Easter Lake fish population is starting to build up but can it support a bass tournament without negatively impacting fishery growth? PCC will discuss with the DNR to see what it takes to set length limits on Easter Lake. We have administrative ability to impose fees and conditions for a bass tournament. 8 boats (16 participants maximum) would be approved and rules would need to be followed so a small-sized bass tournament could be facilitated. A park ranger would be on duty to assist

with enforcement and compliance.

Lewis – Iowa Bass Tournaments is looking to start a team league – 8 teams of 16 anglers each. They are currently looking for locations to host bass tournaments. There would be a \$1200 payout prize.

Mollenhauer – Who would collect the tournament fees? Could refreshments be sold?

Leopold – tournament fees would be collected by the DNR. Selling refreshments would be determined by the size of the tournament and anticipated attendance.

Annual Report is now complete (hard copy handed out) – kudos to Jessica Lown and team!

Board Remarks –

Altringer – this is the end of our summer series! Kudos to Katie for arranging logistics! Field trips have been wonderful also – thanks to staff for taking time to show us around and familiarize us with all the different amenities and features of our parks! The October Board Meeting will be at Jester Park Nature Center.

Lewis – kudos to Devon Boes for her presentation at Easter Lake! There was also a good turnout at the PCC Community Advisory Committee Meeting recently. Jessica Lown did a wonderful job hosting with a great prairie handout. Lael was a pleasure to listen to and knows so much about her work! The meeting was productive with much feedback given.



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CLOSED SESSION PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in closed session Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:17 p.m.

MOTION:

#24-0912 **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. (pg 43)
SECONDED BY Feltner.

VOTE YEA: **Altringer, Mollenhauer, Crane, Lewis, Feltner**

Members Absent:

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Crane, Feltner, Leopold, Rankin, Cook, Stoklasa, McFarlane, Sheeley**

MOTION: Moved by Crane Seconded by Feltner to go back into open session.

VOTE YEA: **(Unanimous) Altringer, Mollenhauer, Crane, Lewis, Feltner**

Members Absent:

The Board returned to open session.

There was no action taken during closed session.

MOTION: Moved by Lewis to adjourn. Seconded by Feltner.

VOTE YEA: **(Unanimous) Altringer, Mollenhauer, Crane, Lewis, Feltner**

Members Absent:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.