

Polk County Conservation Board
5:30 p.m. – **Jester Park Nature Center**
12130 NW 128th Street
Granger, IA 50109

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in person (and with a Zoom option) for regular session on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

- #21-0901 Roll Call
Members Present: **Crane, Lewis, Altringer**,
Members Absent: **Mollenhauer, Cataldo**
- #21-0902 Public Comments
- #21-0902a New Employee Introduction
 • Toni Christiansen-Robb, Equine Specialist/Riding Instructor
- #21-0902b Polk County Water & Land Legacy Presentation
- #21-0903 Financial Reports
- #21-0904 **MOVED BY Lewis, 2nd Altringer** to approve the August 11, 2021 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: **Crane, Lewis, Altringer**
Members Absent: **Mollenhauer, Cataldo**

CONSENT AGENDA

- #21-0905 **Approving** bill list.
- #21-0906 **Approving** the High Trestle Trail emergency repair contract with Molitor Construction in an amount not to exceed \$24,627.20.
- #21-0907 **Approving** fee for service agreement with the Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa (CCMI) in the amount of \$34,780 for an additional adult CCMI crew from October 6 through December 9, 2021.

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

ACTION ITEMS

- #21-0907a **Approving** purchase of 49.6-acres of land near the Fourmile Greenway that is

owned and operated by Sleepy Hollow Sports Park, Inc. for \$3,500,000.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Altringer, 2nd Lewis** to approve Action Item 21-0907a.

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

Members Absent: **Mollenhauer, Cataldo**

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director's Remarks

- Sleepy Hollow Press Conference: 9-14-21, Noon, Sleepy Hollow Lodge
- Great Western Trail – resolution of permanent easement situation and tunnel will be built under County Line Rd for Great Western Trail

Deputy Director's Remarks

- Easter Lake North Shore Improvement Project Update – incorporation of Universal Design principles, Campaign Leadership Team and Campaign Advisory Team formed, Ric Jurgens (Retired CEO HyVee) and Bob Myers (Retired CEO of Casey's) co-chairing project.

Board & Chair Remarks

- Great Western Trail tunnel will need lights
- Easter Lake North Shore Improvement Project sounds like it has good momentum and a fantastic list of members on the Campaign Leadership and Campaign Advisory Teams!

CLOSED SESSION

#21-0908 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: **Crane, Altringer, Lewis**

Members Absent: **Mollenhauer, Cataldo**

Closed Session Attendees: Katie Stoklasa, Rich Leopold, Ryan Crane, Cassie Cook, Doug Sheeley, Kate Clark, Greg Lewis, Natalie McFarlane, Doug Romig, Jill Altringer

Action on closed session:

Moved by **Altringer** to return to open session.

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

Members Absent: **Mollenhauer, Cataldo**

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.