

Polk County Conservation Board
5:30 p.m. – **Easter Lake North Shore & Shelter #4**
2830 Easter Lake Drive
Des Moines, IA 50320

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met via Zoom Meeting for regular session on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- #21-0701 Roll Call
Members Present: Crane, Cataldo, Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer
Members Absent:
- #21-0702 Public Comments
- #21-0703 Employee Introductions
 Jenna Gatzke - Naturalist
- #21-0704 Financial Reports
- #21-0705 **MOVED BY Altringer/Mollenhauer 2nd**, to approve the June 9, 2021 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: Crane, Cataldo, Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer
Members Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

- #21-0706 **Approving** bill list.
- #21-0707 **Approving** amendments to the PCC Administrative Manual updating the Deferred Compensation and Part-Time/Seasonal Employees Compensation sections.
- #21-0708 **Approving** the Capital Campaign and Execution Agreement with Funding Solutions Inc. President, Ellen Nelson, to raise \$3.2 million for the planned improvements to Easter Lake Park north shore for \$79,750.00.
- #21-0709 **Authorizing** Director or his designee to enter into a Community Partner Agreement with KABOOM, Inc. for construction of a 2,500 square foot playground. – Conservation costs \$8,500.
- #21-0710 **Approving** funding for the Yellow Banks shower house/restroom facility utility connections in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 and directing staff to continue to solicit quotes.
- #21-0711 **Approving** and entering into a cooperative agreement with the Iowa Dept. of Transportation to share costs for soil testing at the Trails End Mitigation Bank site.

#21-0712 **Recommending** to the Polk County Board of Supervisors to approve a temporary easement to the City of Des Moines for the repair of a storm sewer on land known as the Great Western Trail.

#21-0713 **Awarding** bids to harvest prairie hay at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt (CBG) on Units 1 (to Zach Smith - \$20 per ton), 2 (to Zach Smith - \$15 per ton), 3 and 4 and authorize the Director, or his representative, to sign the agreement(s) authorizing harvest.

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

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

Members Absent:

ACTION ITEMS

#21-0714 **Authorizing** Director or his designee to enter into agreements with Grimes Asphalt and Paving Corporation for competitively bid projects through Polk County Public Works for park roads, trails and parking lots. Not to exceed \$135,140.96.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Altringer** to approve Action Item 21-0714.

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

Members Absent:

#21-0715 **Public Hearing approving** plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, and designating lowest responsible bidder for the construction of the Jester Park RV Dump Station to Roger's Septic, LLC in a contract amount of \$231,933 plus a 10% contingency.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Altringer/Mollenhauer 2nd** to approve Action Item 21-0715.

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

Members Absent:

#21-0716 **Public Hearing approving** plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder for the Trail Resurfacing project to Grimes Asphalt and Paving Corp. in a contract amount not to exceed \$99,000.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Cataldo/Mollenhauer 2nd** to approve Action Item 21-0716.

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

Members Absent:

#21-0717 **Public Hearing approving** plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, and designating lowest responsible bidder for the construction of the Yellow Banks Park RV Campground Expansion to Elder Corporation in a contract amount of \$527,935.00 plus a 10% contingency.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Lewis/Altringer 2nd to approve Action Item 21-0717.

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

Members Absent:

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director's Remarks

Grants:

- 2021 International Mountain Biking Association "Dig In" Fundraising Grant awarded for the Copper Creek Trails project
- IA Dept of Cultural Affairs - Historical Resource Development Program (Museums) \$25,000 grant awarded to the JPNC Lithic & Historic Artifact Exhibit

Easter Lake North Shore Improvement Project Update – the feasibility study results are in and are very positive!

On Tuesday, 7-13-21, the Polk County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to add ballot verbiage for the Nov 2 vote regarding a 20 year, \$65 million bond referendum. The Des Moines Register featured an article covering the bond referendum after an interview with PCC Director, Rich Leopold.

Board & Chair Remarks

PCC Staff Member, Lewis Major, is very enthusiastic about the JPNC Lithic & Historic Artifact Exhibit – glad to hear that funding has been awarded for this project! Discussion about Bond Referendum and DSM Register article.

CLOSED SESSION

#21-0718 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: Cataldo, Lewis, Crane, Mollenhauer, Altringer

Members Absent:

Closed Session Attendees: Katie Stoklasa, Rich Leopold, Jim Cataldo, Pam Mollenhauer, Ryan Crane, Cassie Cook, Doug Sheeley, Kate Clark, Greg Lewis, Natalie McFarlane, Doug Romig

Action on closed session:

Moved by Mollenhauer to return to open session.

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

Members Absent:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.