

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met via Zoom Meeting for regular session on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- #21-0501 Roll Call
Members Present: Crane, Cataldo, Altringer, Lewis
Members Absent: Mollenhauer
- #21-0502 Public Comments
- #21-0503 Employee Introductions
 Lindsey Mack – Youth Corps Coordinator
 Reed Russell – Maintenance Park Ranger (Swear In)
- #21-0504 JPNC Lithic & Historic Artifact Exhibit Presentation – Lewis Major
- #21-0505 Financial Reports
- #21-0506 **MOVED BY Cataldo**, to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: Altringer, Crane, Cataldo, Lewis
Members Absent: Mollenhauer

CONSENT AGENDA

- #21-0507 **Approving** bill list.
- #21-0508 **Approving** the quote from Iowa Contracting, Inc to perform crack/seal repairs on approximately nine miles of trails in the amount of \$17,900.00 plus a 10% contingency.
- #21-0509 **Approving** Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,175.80 for additional expenses on the Skull Pond renovation project.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by **Lewis, Altringer (Seconded)**, to approve the consent agenda.

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

ACTION ITEMS

#21-0510 **Approving** the joint application of Conservation and Polk County Public Works for the Iowa Department of Transportation's COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program grant application request of \$1.25M for the Broadway Ave project and the Neal Smith Trail connection project.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Altringer to approve Action Item 21-0510.

Vote Yea: Altringer, Crane, Lewis, Cataldo

Members Absent: Mollenhauer

#21-0511 **Approving** the Iowa Department of Transportation's COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program grant application request of \$500,000 for the Trestle-to Trestle Bridge Replacement.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Cataldo (Altringer Seconded) to approve Action Item 21-0511.

Vote Yea: Cataldo, Crane, Altringer, Lewis

Members Absent: Mollenhauer

#21-0512 **Approving** the purchase of two parcels of land within the Fourmile Creek Greenway from Kading Properties.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Lewis (Altringer Seconded) to approve Action Item 21-0512.

Vote Yea: Lewis, Crane, Altringer, Cataldo

Members Absent: Mollenhauer

#21-0513 **Approving** the Polk County Conservation Law Enforcement Policy.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Cataldo to approve Action Item 21-0513.

Vote Yea: Altringer, Cataldo, Crane, Lewis

Members Absent: Mollenhauer

~~#21-0514 **Approving** Polk County Conservation's participation in the Central Iowa Water Trails Governance Committee and committing Conservation's portion per the formula within the 28E Agreement establishing said committee — est. \$87,000 annually.~~

LET THE RECORD SHOW Action Item 21-0514 was postponed until the June PCC Board Meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director's Remarks

- Thanks to Shae Rossetti, Kami Rankin, and Doug Romig for their work on the Lauridsen Skatepark!
- BOND Update – the Great Outdoors Foundation has facilitated public polling and results are in – Poll numbers are better than they were when polling was

done for the 2012 Bond. The results were very positive. Next step is to move on to crafting the language, bring before the Polk County Board of Supervisors as a ballot initiative, and construct a marketing campaign.

- Easter Lake Park has officially changed its Summer Season hours from the following:

Northside of Park: 6:00 AM – Sunset
Southside of Park: 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM

TO

Northside of Park: 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM
Southside of Park: 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM

- STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – Rich/Doug have met with leadership, Rich focusing on Diversity & Inclusion Planning, Doug is focusing on Sustainability Planning, Land Budgeting & Prioritization is also a focus.
- Future Summer PCC Board Meetings – Location?
- Board Member Community Involvement Assignments – discuss further next PCC Board Meeting

Board & Chair Remarks

Crane – AMAZING JOB ON SKATEPARK!!!

Altringer – Can current Polk County CC trails map be sent to Board Members and can map be inserted as link on PCC website?

Crane – will work on specifying PCC Board Meeting logistics and Board Assignments for next meeting

CLOSED SESSION

#21-0515 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, Lewis, Altringer, Crane

Members Absent: Mollenhauer

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

Action on closed session:

Moved by Altringer to return to open session.
Vote Yea: Crane, Lewis, Cataldo, Altringer
Members Absent: Mollenhauer

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.