

Polk County Conservation Board
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met via Zoom Meeting for regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- #21-0201 Roll Call
Members Present: Crane, Cataldo, Altringer, Mollenhauer, Lewis
Members Absent:
- #21-0202 Public Comments
- #21-0202A PCC Water Quality Monitoring Report – Amanda Brown & Ginny Malcomson
- #21-0202B Swearing in of new PCC Board Member Greg Lewis
- #21-0203 Financial Reports
- #21-0204 **MOVED BY Mollenhauer**, to approve the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: Crane, Cataldo, Altringer, Mollenhauer, Lewis
Members Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

- #21-0205 **Approving** bill list.
- #21-0206 **Approving** agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for federal aid from Iowa's Transportation Alternatives Program for the Trestle-to-Trestle Bridge replacement.
- #21-0207 **Approving** extension of COVID-19 relief to the Jester Park Lodge Guest Services Management Agreement through April 30, 2021 and waiving the minimum guarantee of \$100,000 for calendar year 2020.
- #21-0208 **Ratifying** electronic vote approving the exterior renovation work at the former church shelter at Easter Lake Park for a total cost not to exceed \$18,500 to Sunset Builders, LLC.

- #21-0209 **Accepting** the highest bids for Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt, Eagle Roost, and Adelphi crop ground rental for the 2021 cropping season.
- #21-0210 **Awarding** lowest contractor bid for tree removal at Easter Lake Park to J. Pettiecord, Inc. in a contracted amount of \$18,400.
- #21-0211 **Approving** Professional Services Agreement with The Trust for Public Lands to complete a Conservation Finance Feasibility study for a total cost not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- #21-0212 **Approving** Change Order to Xtreme Tree for additional Derecho storm damage work at Jester Park Golf Course in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Cataldo, to approve the consent agenda.

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

Members Absent:

ACTION ITEMS

- #21-0213 **Approving** revisions of the Polk County Conservation Board Bylaws – Second Vote.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Cataldo to approve Action Item 21-0213.

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

Members Absent:

- #21-0214 **Approving** Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for and intent to provide 20% matching funding for 2025 TAP funding for the Polk City to High Trestle Trail connection.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Altringer to approve Action Item 21-0214.

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

Members Absent:

- #21-0215 **Approving** the Wellmark Foundation 2021 Large Match Grant application for trails at Copper Creek Park.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Altringer to approve Action Item 21-0215.

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

Members Absent:

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director's Remarks

The PCC Strategic Plan is finalized and will be presented at the March PCC Board Meeting.

Future Bond Meetings are in progress – in collaboration with the Trust for Public Lands a feasibility study is being conducted and public polling is scheduled to be completed by mid-March. PCC hopes to have ballot language finalized for a November vote.

The current Bond has \$5,000,000 remaining. Rich will present where the previous \$45,000,000 was spent from the Bond at the next PCC Board Meeting.

Deputy Director's Remarks

Representatives from the Dew Tour event are visiting Des Moines on Thursday, 2-11-21 & Friday, 2-12-21 to evaluate the feasibility of Lauridsen Skatepark hosting the event this year. Doug Romig and Kami Rankin will be meeting with the representatives to conduct a tour and answer any questions they might have.

Board & Chair Remarks

Crane – it is important to revisit Bond accomplishments and generate public awareness and support for the future bond. It is also an awesome, stupendous, and exciting possibility having the Dew Tour consider Des Moines as a potential event location!

Lewis – thanks to Chair Member Crane and Director Leopold for PCC Updates. As a frequent visitor to the PCC park system he can see where the money is being well-spent and congratulates PCC on a job well done!

Mollenhauer – Welcome to new board member Lewis, thank you to Amanda Brown and Ginny Malcomson for the Water Quality Presentation, and thank you to all Division leadership who produce a monthly staff report –the reports are very informative and enjoyable to read.

CLOSED SESSION

#21-0216 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: Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Crane, Altringer, Lewis

Members Absent:

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

Action on closed session:

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

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

Members Absent:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **6:39** p.m.