

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

### #1 – Roll Call

Members Present: Levis, Kurovski, Johnson, Cataldo  
Members Absent: Smith (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)

### #1b – Action on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)

**MOTION:** Moved by Johnson to approve the March 19, 2014 meeting minutes as written.

VOTE YEA: Levis, Kurovski, Johnson, Cataldo

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerri Scott, 1431 Thompson Ave., Des Moines; Sally Gaer, 163 59<sup>th</sup> St., West Des Moines; and Tammy Reams, 800 37<sup>th</sup> St, West Des Moines appeared before the Board to express concerns with operations and management of Jester Park Equestrian Center.

### #2 – Consent Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Kurovski to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a) March 2014 bill list;
- b) purchase of a 2014 Chevrolet 15 passenger window van from Karl Chevrolet for a price not to exceed \$28,822.30;
- c) staff advertising a public hearing to be held at the PCCB's May meeting, for the purpose of selling the portion of the abandoned UP industrial line between Ankeny and Des Moines, lying within the cooperate limits of Ankeny to the City of Ankeny.

VOTE YEA: Johnson, Cataldo, Kurovski, Levis

#3 – Public Hearing

Chair opened public hearing on granting Wastewater Reclamation Authority easements for installing a sewer line on Easter Lake Park property.

As there were no comments, the Chair closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Moved by Levis that the Board resolves that the granting of easements to Wastewater Reclamation Authority for the purpose of installing a sewer line on Easter Lake Park property will not interfere with park purposes and approves the PCCB Chair signing easement document; the Board further directs staff to recommend to the Polk County Board of Supervisors that they grant the easements as requested.

VOTE YEA: Kurovski, Johnson, Levis, Cataldo

#4 – Easter Lake Park, Mark C. Ackelson Trail, Phase II – Award of Contract

Smith arrived at 5:41 p.m.

**MOTION:** Moved by Kurovski that the Board approve the Chair signing the contract with Absolute Concrete for the construction of phase II of the Mark C. Ackelson Trail for the sum of \$1,043,237.80; and the Board further authorizes up to \$75,000 contingency to cover unforeseen costs.

VOTE YEA: Cataldo, Kurovski, Levis, Johnson

VOTE ABSTAIN: Smith

#5 – White Property, Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement

**MOTION:** It was moved by Johnson that the Board authorizes the Chair signing the Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to grant PCCB authority to manage the former JC White property until such time as the property is transferred to public ownership.

VOTE YEA: Levis, Johnson, Smith, Cataldo, Kurovski

#6 – Jester Park, Well Drilling

Wayne Johnson noted that the written material for this item incorrectly refers to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Instead it should state the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Johnson presented the following bids received for drilling each well: Thorpe Water Development, \$15,455; Northway Well and Pump Co., \$18,325; Layne Water Resources, \$34,146.

**MOTION:** It was moved Levis that the Board approves the cost estimate of \$15,455 from Thorpe Water Development and other associated costs of \$4,020 for a project total cost of \$19,475 per well, or a project cost total of \$38,950 for both wells and approve the Director signing a contract with Thorpe Water Development. Funding for this project to come from REAP funds.

VOTE YEA: Smith, Cataldo, Kurovski, Johnson, Levis

#### #7 – Environmental Education Annual Report

Patrice Petersen-Keys gave PowerPoint presentation on the Environmental Education Annual Report.

Information only.

(Smith left at 6:40 p.m.)

#### #8 – Board Meetings-Project Tours

Discussion was held on presented schedule for spring/summer PCCB meetings. Board was in favor of schedule and asked that tours of projects associated with the meetings be held at the beginning of the meeting with the business segment of the meetings following the tours.

#### Discussion Items

- ❖ Director Parker reported on Vision Iowa CAT grant/LAWCON grant for Conservation Center and other fundraising efforts taking place for the Center

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Prepared by: Cindy Lentz

Approved: 5/14/14