

Polk County Conservation Board
Jester Park, Shelter #5
11407 NW Jester Park Dr.
Granger, IA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday June 11, 2014. A tour of Jester Park began at 5:00 p.m. with the business segment of the meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

#1 – Tour of Jester Park

Tour began at 5:00 p.m. of the Jester Park area.

#2a - Roll Call

Members Present: Johnson, Cataldo, Kurovski, Smith
Members Absent: Levis

#2b – Action on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)

MOTION: Moved by Johnson to approve the May 14, 2014 meeting minutes as written.

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

#2c – Employee Recognition

Dennis Parker, Director, was recognized for his 5 years of service with PCCB.

Shelly Carmony-Davis, hired for the Equestrian Program Specialist position, and Nick Gordon, hired for the Natural Resources Technician position, were introduced to the Board.

#3 – Consent Agenda

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

- a) May 2014 bill list;
- b) 2013-2014 Urban Deer Bow-Hunt Annual Report;
- c) staff publishing notice of a public hearing at the PCCB's July Board meeting on granting easements to Mid-American Energy and Xenia Rural Water for installing utilities to the Jester Park Conservation Center (public hearing was not held);
- d) staff submitting a grant application to The Wellmark Foundation MATCH Grant Program for \$75,000 and match dollars of \$75,000 for the Jester Park Conservation Center with match dollars coming from public and private donations and sponsorships;
- e) quote of \$7,880 from Pro-Line Bldg. Co. for the Jester Park Equestrian Center multi-use shed and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement with Pro-Line; and further approves an over-all project cost not to exceed \$16,000 to be paid from the REAP fund;
- f) replacement of the restrooms on the Jester Park Golf Course at a cost of \$72,378.08 to CXT for the restrooms, set, and delivery of which \$31,500.38 of this expense will be reimbursed to the PCCB by Green Golf Partners for the two Gunnison unisex vault toilets/set/delivery; further approves the Chair signing the purchase agreements for the restrooms; and further approves an expenditure of \$6,250 for site prep, hook up, sidewalks, and equipment rental of which \$1,750 of this expense will be reimbursed to the PCCB by Green Golf Partners, for an overall project cost not to exceed \$78,628,08 with the project funded from the PCCB's Reserve Fund;
- g) staff applying for a State Recreational Trail grant to acquire the remaining section of the UP Industrial Lead between Ankeny and Des Moines and further resolves that the PCCB agrees to maintain the trail for a period of 20 years following construction.

VOTE YEA: Kurovski, Cataldo, Smith, Johnson

#4 – Vision Iowa Funding Support Letter

This item was continued to the July Board meeting.

#5 – Jester Park Conservation Center Update

Director Parker updated the Board on the funding efforts for the Conservation Center.

Board discussion held on oversight of the project and project costs.

#6 – Easter Lake Lodge Consultant

MOTION: Moved by Kurovski to approve RDG Planning and Design consulting contract for the conceptual planning and design of the proposed Easter Lake Lodge and approve authorizing the Director to sign the contract.

VOTE YEA: Kurovski, Cataldo, Johnson, Smith

#7 – Great Western Trail Relocation

MOTION: Moved by Kurovski to approve postponing action on this item indefinitely.

VOTE YEA: Cataldo, Smith, Johnson, Kurovski

#8 – Parks Superintendent

Director Parker provided further explanation on the changing of the Park Advocacy Manager position to Parks Superintendent.

Information only.

#9 – JC White Property, Agreement with Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources

MOTION: Moved by Smith to approve entering into an Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources indicating the Iowa Department of Natural Resources agrees to pay to PCCB 33% or \$100,000, whichever is less, for purchase of the former JC White property from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and authorizes the Chair to sign the Agreement subject to approval of the Agreement by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

VOTE YEA: Smith, Johnson, Cataldo, Kurovski

#10 – JC White Property Acquisition

MOTION: Moved by Kurovski to authorize staff to purchase the former JC White property from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation at a cost to the PCCB not to exceed \$200,000, subject to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources approval of the Agreement to fund 33% or up to \$100,000 of the purchase cost.

VOTE YEA: Johnson, Kurovski, Cataldo, Smith

#11 – Easter Lake Restoration, Agreement with Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources

MOTION: Moved by Johnson to approve entering into a contract with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to provide funding assistance up to \$462,600 or 60%, whichever is the lesser amount, for Easter Lake Restoration engineering services and authorizes the Chair to sign contract subject to approval of the contract by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

VOTE YEA: Cataldo, Kurovski, Smith, Johnson

#12 – Easter Lake Restoration, Contract for Engineering Services

MOTION: Moved by Smith to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Snyder and Associates for engineering services for the Easter Lake Water Quality Management Plan at a cost of \$734,800 subject to approval by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources committing up to \$462,600 toward the cost for engineering services.

VOTE YEA: Johnson, Smith, Kurovski, Cataldo

#13 – Employees, Recent Hires

Information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

DISCUSSION & REMARKS

Director Parker reported on the following:

*Jester Park cabin usage

*IACCB Fall Conference

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Prepared by: Cindy Lentz

Approved: 7/9/14