

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

### #1a – Roll Call

Members Present: Johnson, Cataldo, Northway, Levis, Smith

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Levis to approve the March 11, 2015 meeting minutes as written.

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

### #1c – Financial Reports

Information only.

### #1d – Director's Remarks

Director Leopold remarked on the following:

- Easter Lake Restoration cost of project
- Jester Park Conservation Center Feasibility Study update
- Parks Superintendent and Deputy Director hiring process underway, hope to make offers by 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May
- County issued cell phone no longer being used, contact him on personal cell phone

### #1e – Board Chair and Member's Remarks

Chair Johnson remarked on the following:

- Met with Jerry Linzy about fundraiser had good conversation
- Naming Practice – no documented information from Ankeny
- List upcoming events for Board Members to attend at the bottom of the agenda

### #2 – Public Comments

No comments.

### #3 – Consent Agenda Items

**MOTION:** Moved by Cataldo to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) PCCB March 2015 bill list.

Vote Yea: Cataldo, Levis, Smith, Northway, Johnson

#4 – Public Hearing: Transfer of Property to City of Ankeny

Public hearing was opened on the transfer of trail right-of-way property to the City of Ankeny located from Hwy. 69 through Oralabor Road to the south end of the Ankeny Corporate limits.

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Smith that the Board resolves that they have no further use for the seven (7) parcels of the former UP industrial Lead that lie within the City of Ankeny and that the transfer of that land to the City of Ankeny will not interfere with the use of the land as parkland and further resolve to request the Polk County Board of Supervisors deed the property to the City of Ankeny as per our agreement.

Vote Yea: Smith, Northway, Johnson, Cataldo, Levis

#5 Public Hearing: Great Western Trail Extension to Bill Riley Trail Project

Public hearing was opened on the proposed plans, specifications and estimated costs for the Great Western Trail extension to Bill Riley Trail project, starting from current trailhead south of George Flagg Parkway, near the Izaak Walton League, eastward to 30<sup>th</sup> Street.

As there were no comments, the public hearing closed.

**MOTION:** Moved by Cataldo to approve the plans, specifications and cost estimate for the Great Western Trail Extension to Bill Riley Trail project and instructs staff to advertise for bids to construct the trail extension when the proper management agreement is in place; and further directs staff to bring the bid results to the PCCB for action at a future meeting.

Vote Yea: Northway, Johnson, Smith, Levis, Cataldo

#6 – Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt, Master Plan – Scope of Services

**MOTION:** Moved by Levis to approve the contract with RDG Planning and Design to do work on the Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt Master Plan for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 subject to approval of the contract by the County Attorney's Office.

Vote Yea: Smith, Northway, Johnson, Cataldo, Levis

#7 – Polk County Conservation, Water Quality Monitoring

Heidi Anderson and Joe Boyles, Naturalist, appeared before the Board to give presentation on the water quality monitoring program.

#8 – Employees, Recent Hires

Information only.

#9 – Closed Session: Land Acquisition

**MOTION:** Moved by Cataldo that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(j) for the purpose of discussing the purchase of particular real estate where premature discussion could reasonably increase the price of the property.

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

As a result of the closed session discussion, there will be no further action taken.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Prepared by: Cindy Lentz

Approved: 05/13/15