

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

#1a – Roll Call

Board Present: Cataldo, Levis, (Smith arrived at 5:36 p.m.)
Board Absent: McEnany, Hadden, Smith

#8 – Employee Introductions

PCCB employees Steve Haefner, Construction Technician, and Scott Gehl, Natural Resource Technician, were present to introduce themselves and to tell a little about themselves and their interests.

Smith arrived at 5:36 p.m.

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

**IT WAS MOVED BY CATALDO THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE APRIL 11, 2012 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.
VOTE YEA: CATALDO, SMITH, LEVIS**

#2 – Consent Agenda Item

**IT WAS MOVED BY CATALDO THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE MOVING ITEM #7, JESTER PARK EASEMENT – MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.
VOTE YEA: SMITH, CATALDO, LEVIS**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SMITH THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
A) PCCB/ENTERPRISE FUND APRIL 2012 EXPENDITURES;**

- B) PRESENTED LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT WITH POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION;**
- C) THE 2011-12 URBAN DEER BOW HUNT ANNUAL REPORT;**
- D) THE REVISIONS TO THE PERSONAL DAYS SECTION OF THE PCCB'S EMPLOYEE MANUAL;**
- E) RATIFYING APPROVING STAFF PUBLISHING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE PCCB'S MAY 9 2012 MEETING REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF A SMALL TRACT OF PROPERTY AT EASTER LAKE PARK TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES TO ALLOW THE CITY TO REBUILD A BRIDGE ON EASTER LAKE DRIVE;**
- F) AUTHORIZING THE PCCB CHAIR TO SIGN THE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED WITH THE IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION FOR THE 39.25 ACRES OF LAND, FORMER FLORA FREELAND ESTATE PROPERTY, LOCATED ADJACENT TO CHICHAQUA BOTTOMS GREENBELT;**
- 7) PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEING HELD AT THE PCCB'S JUNE 13, 2012 MEETING ON THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT JESTER PARK LOCATED NEAR THE NATURAL PLAYScape FOR EASEMENT TO MIDAMERICAN ENERGY.**

VOTE YEA: LEVIS, SMITH, CATALDO

#3 – Public Hearing: Easter Lake Park, Property Transfer

Chair Levis opened public hearing on transfer of land at Easter Lake Drive to the City of Des Moines for the purpose of rebuilding the Easter Lake Drive Bridge.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY SMITH THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD DETERMINES THE EASTER LAKE PROPERTY REQUESTED FOR TRANSFER IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PARK PURPOSES AND THAT THE TRANSFER WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE USE OF THE PARK BY THE PUBLIC AND THAT THE BOARD FURTHER RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THEY TRANSFER THE .31 ACRES OF LAND AND GRANT AN ADDITIONAL .70 ACRES OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES BY ADOPTING THE ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION.

VOTE YEA: SMITH, CATALDO, LEVIS

#4 - Equipment Purchase: Mowing Tractor

IT WAS MOVED BY CATALDO THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 5075E TRACTOR FROM THE VAN WALL GROUP FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,232.77.

VOTE YEA: CATALDO, LEVIS, SMITH

#5 – Easter Lake Park, Beach Concession Services

Individual interested in operating the Easter Lake Beach concession withdrew.

No action necessary.

#6 – Yellow Banks Park, Community Development Grant

Parker updated the Board on the status of this project.

INFORMATION ONLY.

#7 – Jester Park, Easement – MidAmerican Energy

MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

DISCUSSION & REMARKS

- *reported on status of Jester Park Conservation Center and Jester Park Cabins
- *will be presenting to the Des Moines Schools on Fort Des Moines property
- *reported on 3rd quarter workplan
- *reminded Board of grand opening of bison/elk display on May 23 at 10:00 a.m.
- *Monday, 7:00 a.m., biking to Boswell's office. Board welcome to join him
- *June PCCB meeting will be held at Jester Park

ADJOURNNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Prepared by: Cindy Lentz

Approved: 6/13/12