

Polk County Conservation Board  
Easter Lake Park, Shelter #2  
2830 Easter Lake Drive  
Des Moines, Iowa

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

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

### **#1a – Roll Call**

Board Present: Levis, Smith, McEnany, Kurovski  
Board Absent: Cataldo

### **#1 b – Oath of Office**

Chair Levis administered the Oath of Office to Sara Kurovski, newly appointed Member to the PCCB.

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

**IT WAS MOVED BY MCENANY THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE JUNE 13, 2012 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.  
VOTE YEA: SMITH, LEVIS, MCENANY  
VOTE ABSTAIN: KUROVSKI**

### **#2 – Consent Agenda Item**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MCENANY THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE REMOVING #2E, EAGLE ROOST WILDLIFE AREA-28E AGREEMENT WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS RECOMMENDED BY POLK COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE AGREEMENT AT A FUTURE MEETING.  
VOTE YEA: MCENANY, KUROVSKI, SMITH, LEVIS**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SMITH THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WITH THE AMENDMENT TO ITEM #2F TO INCLUDE THAT THE PCCB BE POLLED IN ADVANCE OF THE AUGUST 2012 MEETING ON THE BID AWARD(S) FOR THE HARVESTING OF HAY AT CHICHAQUA BOTTOMS GREENBELT WITH RATIFICATION OF THE BID AWARD(S) BEING PLACED ON THE PCCB'S AUGUST 2012 CONSENT AGENDA:  
A) PCCB/ENTERPRISE FUND JUNE 2012 EXPENDITURES;**

- B) SALARY ADJUSTMENT NOT TO EXCEED 5% OF HER CURRENT SALARY OR THE APPROVED MAXIMUM SALARY FOR CARRIE SPAIN;**
- C) FY 2010-11 POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT;**
- D) MOVING FORWARD WITH THE JESTER PARK TWO DAM POND PROJECT AND AUTHORIZES THE PCCB DIRECTOR TO APPROVE EXPENDING FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED IN THE LAWCON GRANT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT;**
- F) AUTHORIZES ADVERTISING FOR BIDDERS AND ISSUING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HARVEST OF PRAIRIE HAY AT CHICHAQUA BOTTOMS GREENBELT AND DIRECTS STAFF TO POLL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE AUGUST 2012 PCCB MEETING ON THE AWARDED OF THE BID TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) WITH RATIFICATION OF THE BID AWARD(S) BEING PLACED ON THE AUGUST 2012 CONSENT AGENDA;**
- G) RATIFIES THE SIGNATURE OF DENNIS PARKER, PCCB DIRECTOR, ON THE JESTER PARK TWO DAM POND CONTRACT SIGNED WITH RW EXCAVATING & DOZING.**

**VOTE YEA: MCENANY, LEVIS, KUROVSKI, SMITH**

#3 – Public Hearing: Jester Park, Easement – MidAmerican Energy

Chair Levis opened public hearing on determining if property requested for easement by MidAmerican Energy within Jester Park is no longer necessary for park purposes or will not interfere with park purposes.

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

**IT WAS MOVED BY MCENANY THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD DETERMINES THE JESTER PARK PROPERTY REQUESTED FOR EASEMENT BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY AS PART OF THE JESTER PARK CABIN PROJECT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PARK PURPOSES AND WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE USE OF THE PARK BY THE PUBLIC AND THAT THE PCCB FURTHER RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THEY GRANT SAID EASEMENT.**

**VOTE YEA: MCENANY, SMITH, LEVIS, KUROVSKI**

#4 - Great Western Trail, Agreement-Des Moines Airport Authority

**IT WAS MOVED BY KUROVSKI THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF THE GREAT WESTERN TRAIL AND DIRECT PCCB DIRECTOR PARKER AND BOARD MEMBER SMITH TO CONTINUE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DES MOINES AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND CITY OF DES MOINES ON THE ACQUISITION AT CHICHAQUA BOTTOMS GREENBELT AND THE GREAT WESTERN TRAIL RELOCATION.**

**VOTE YEA: KUROVSKI, LEVIS, SMITH, MCENANY**

#5 – Employee Introductions

PCCB employees Stan Manning, Special Services Tech., and James Dotzler, Asst. Park Ranger, were present to introduce themselves and to tell a little about themselves and their interests.

#8 – Polk County Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Bonding Referendum

**IT WAS MOVED BY MCENANY THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLACE A BONDING REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 2012 BALLOT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 MILLION TO BE USED BY THE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR PARK AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS, LAND ACQUISITION, AND CONSERVATION MEASURES INCLUDING LAKE, RIVERS AND STREAM IMPROVEMENT WITHIN POLK COUNTY AND DIRECTS PCCB DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR SIGNATURE BY ALL PCCB MEMBERS, REQUESTING THE BONDING REFERENDUM BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 2012 BALLOT FOR SAID AMOUNT AND PURPOSES.**

**VOTE YEA: SMITH, KUROVSKI, LEVIS, MCENANY**

#6 – Easter Lake Watershed Project Update

Lown and Parker updated the Board on the status of the Easter Lake Watershed prior to taking a pontoon tour of Easter Lake.

#7 – Tour of Easter Lake

Board and staff took a pontoon tour of Easter Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENTS  
STAFF REPORTS  
FINANCIAL REPORTS  
DISCUSSION & REMARKS

ADJOURNNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Prepared by: Cindy Lentz