

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

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m.

- #17-0101     Roll Call
- Members Present: Northway, Baratta, Cataldo, Levis
- #17-0102     Public Comments
- #17-0103     **Moved by** Levis to receive and file enterprise fund account spreadsheet projections.  
**Vote Yea:** Cataldo, Northway, Levis, Baratta
- #17-0104     Director Leopold and Deputy Director Romig gave a brief update on the Jester Park Nature Center project.
- #17-0105     **MOVED BY** Cataldo to approve the December 14, 2016 meeting minutes.  
**Vote Yea:** Baratta, Northway, Cataldo  
**Vote Abstain:** Levis

### CONSENT AGENDA

- #17-0106     Approving the December 2016 bill list.
- #17-0107     Approving letter of support to the Metropolitan Planning Organization for their Greater Des Moines Water Trails and Greenways Plan and directing the Board Chair to sign said letter on behalf of the Board.
- #17-0108     Receive and File Public Art Policy for Board consideration and Board action at their February 2017 meeting.
- #17-0109     Approving the determination that the granting of Easter Lake Dam easement to the Des Moines Waterworks will not affect the operation of the property as parkland and recommend to the Polk County Board of Supervisors that they grant said easement and that the Board further direct staff to place the matter before the Supervisors assisting in publication, public hearing and recording of the document.
- #17-0110     Approving one-year (2017) crop lease extension at Eagle Roost property to Wilbur Goodhue, Inc. at a rental rate of \$225 per acre for 86.9 acres of

crop land and credit same for food plot installation and management at \$100 per acres on 15.5 acres; and further instruct staff to prepare the lease document, and authorize the Chair to sign same.

- #17-0111 Approving one-year (2017) crop lease extension at the Freeland and Mendenhall tracts at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt to Douglas R. Rose at a rental rate of \$225 per acre for 105.6 acres of crop land; and further instruct staff to prepare the lease document, and authorize the Chair to sign same.
- #17-0112 Approving amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement with David M. McGhee for Easter Lake Restoration Management for up to 1,000 hours in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 and authorizing the Board Chair to sign said Amendment on behalf of the Board.
- #17-0113 Approving placement of radio communication tower at Fort Des Moines Park for Polk County Sheriff emergency communication network at or near one of the recommended locations.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW** that it was moved by Levis to approve the consent agenda.

**Vote Yea:** Baratta, Northway, Cataldo, Levis

#### ACTION ITEMS

- #17-0114 **MOVED BY** Baratta to approve contract with RW Excavating and Dozing to construct a series of wetlands at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt at a cost not to exceed \$90,175 and authorize the Chair to sign said agreement.  
**Vote Yea:** Northway, Levis, Baratta, Cataldo
- #17-0115 **MOVED BY** Cataldo to approve directing staff to secure bids for the capital improvements for the outlots, fencing the second hay field and chute system for a cost not to exceed \$500,100 and approved the immediate implementation of the Equestrian Center fees and charges with the exception of the boarding fees which shall become effective July 1, 2017.  
**Vote Yea:** Cataldo, Baratta, Levis, Northway

#### BOARD DISCUSSION

- #17-0116 Director's Report
- Budget
  - Hiring Ranger soon
  - Bond

#17-0117 Board Chair and Member's Remarks  
None

CLOSED SESSION

#17-0118 **MOVED BY Levis** that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property.  
**Vote Yea:** Levis, Cataldo, Baratta, Northway

Chair announced the Board was back into open session. As a result of the discussion, staff were to move forward as discussed in closed session – no action necessary.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04p.m.