

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- #17-0501 Roll Call
- Members Present: Northway, Baratta, Cataldo, Brear
Members Absent: Levis (delayed in traffic – arrived at 5:31)
- #17-0502 Public Comments
- #17-0503 Financial Reports
- #17-0504 Chair Northway swore in park ranger David Weidt for Polk County Conservation.
- #17-0505 **MOVED BY** Cataldo to approve the March 8, 2017 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: Baratta, Brear, Northway, Cataldo, Levis
- Moved by** Baratta to approve the April 12, 2017 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: Northway, Levis, Baratta, Brear, Cataldo

CONSENT AGENDA

- #17-0506 Approving the April 2017 bill list.
- #17-0507 Approving the award of contract for Land Smoothing/Terrace Removal at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt to allow for the installation of pollinator plants to Apex Companies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$20,720 and authorizing the Board Chair to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board.
- #17-0508 Approving the naming of Easter Lake dredge spoils location as the Vandalia Wildlife Area.
- #17-0509 Approving contract with Ramada Tropics Resort & Conference Center as the host hotel for the 2018 Iowa County Conservation Board (IACCB) Fall Conference and authorizing Doug Romig, Deputy Director, to sign said Agreement.

- #17-0510 Authorizing the Board Chair to sign the contract documents for the Ackelson Trail Phase III following the receipt of bids in May, if the bid price is within the engineer's estimate plus 10%, and that the Board further directs staff to execute the contract as soon as possible in order to complete the modified Phase III project this construction season.
- #17-0511 Awarding Design Service Agreement with EC Design for replacement of the irrigation system at Jester Park Golf Course in an amount not to exceed \$17,500; and authorize the PCC Director or his designee to sign said Agreement.
- #17-0511A Awarding Design Service Agreement with Michael J. Benkusky, Inc. for Jester Park Golf Course hole and pond redesigns in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and authorize the Board Chair to sign said Agreement.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

(Public Hearing)

- #17-0512 **Moved by Brear** to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, and designating the lowest responsible bidder for the Easter Lake Restoration Stormwater Wetland project at Easter Lake, and to further award the contract at a cost, including a 5% contingency, not to exceed \$183,140 and further authorize the Board Chair or his designee to sign said Agreement.
Vote Yea: Baratta, Cataldo, Levis, Northway, Brear
- #17-0513 **Moved by** Baratta to award contract for the installation of fencing of pastures at the Jester Park Equestrian Center to American Fence Co. in an amount not to exceed \$177,601.47; and authorize the Board Chair to sign said Agreement.
Vote Yea: Cataldo, Brear, Baratta, Levis, Northway

BOARD DISCUSSION

- #17-0514 Director's Report
- Board engagement opportunities: Advisory Committee, (Levis); Golf Course Advisory Comm. Mtg, (Cataldo); Public Art Comm (Baratta); Liaison - Great Outdoors Foundation (Chair); Annual IACCB Conf., (Brear)
 - Heidi Anderson, recipient of Iowa Conservation Coalition Award
 - Jester Park Nature Center update
 - Summer Meetings: June – Easter Lake; July – Fort Des Moines; August – Jester Park

- #17-0515 Board Chair and Member's Remarks
- Easter Lake dredging update

CLOSED SESSION

#17-0516 **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: Brear, Levis, Cataldo, Baratta, Northway

No action followed the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.