

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

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

#17-0801     Roll Call

Members Present: Northway, Baratta, Cataldo  
Members Absent: Brear, Levis

#17-0802     Public Comments

#17-0803     Financial Reports

#17-0804     **MOVED BY** Cataldo to approve the July 12, 2017 meeting minutes.  
**Vote Yea:** Cataldo, Baratta, Northway

### CONSENT AGENDA

#17-0805     Approving the July 2017 bill list.

#17-0806     Approving ratifying actions resulting from the Board being polled on the acquisition of land in the amount of \$115,000 and a First Right of Refusal Offer for an amount of \$5,000 that would be valid for one year at the former Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church, 2900 Easter Lake, Des Moines, Iowa.

#17-0807     Approving ratifying actions resulting from the Board being polled on the acquisition of the Gayla Wilson property located along the 4-Mile Greenbelt for an amount of \$50,000 plus minor expenses associated with the land sale.

#17-0808     Approving submittal and authorizing PCCB Chair to sign the 2017 REAP grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the Crane Meadows land acquisition at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt.

#17-0809     Approving acceptance of proposal from Drake and Dr. Summerville for the research to quantify bird diversity and populations on conservation lands and neighboring farmland around Chichaqua Bottoms and authorize the Chair to sign same.

#17-0810     Approving acceptance of proposal from Drake and Dr. Levi for the research to detail ecosystem health of streams within Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt and authorize the Director to sign same.

- #17-0811 Approving elements within the Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt Capital Improvement Plan in an amount of approximately \$2.7 million, with an amount not to exceed of \$2.1 million in bond funds; waiving the Board's procurement approval process and authorizing staff to implement said plan following the Procurement policy threshold levels.
- #17-0812 Approving acceptance of the bid of Shaymus Smith to harvest prairie hay at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt on all five specified units and authorize the Director to sign the agreement to allow that harvest.
- #17-0813 Approving Jester Park Golf Course improvements and waiving Board's procurement approval process and authorizing staff to implement said plan following the Procurement Policy threshold levels.
- #17-0814 Approving to request of the Board of Supervisors that they grant two easements to MidAmerican Energy Company to cross the Chichaqua Valley Trail: 1) along NE 80<sup>th</sup> Street near the intersection of NE 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 2) along NE 56<sup>th</sup> Street near the intersection of NE 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue both for overhead and access purposes only as said easement will not interfere with park purposes.

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

**Vote Yea:** Baratta, Northway Cataldo

#### BOARD DISCUSSION

##### Director's Report

- Land acquisitions
- JPNC, Easter Lake, Yellow Banks and golf course updates
- Four Mile Creek Master Plan
- Youth Conservation Corps

##### Board Chair/Members

- Golf course

CLOSED SESSION – No Closed Session held.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.