PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

#19-0401 Roll Call
Members Present: Baratta, Altringer, Cataldo, Northway (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)
Members Absent: Levis

#19-0402 Public Comments

#19-0403 Financial Reports

#19-0404 Claudia Starr, Equestrian Center Manager, gave presentation on the Jester Park Equestrian Center.

Northway arrived during Equestrian Center presentation. (5:41 p.m.)

#19-0405 MOVED BY Northway to approve the March 13, 2019 meeting minutes.
Vote Yea: Altringer, Baratta, Northway,
Vote Abstain: Cataldo

CONSENT AGENDA

#19-0406 Approving the March bill list.

#19-0407 Authorizing program changes to Jester Park Equestrian Center to align more appropriately with Polk County Conservation’s mission.

#19-0408 Approving Lease Agreement with Conservation Corps of Iowa for Conservation’s former Administration and Environmental Education buildings in Jester Park to serve as their Iowa headquarters for an annual amount of $24,000 plus consideration for services provided to Polk County Conservation.

#19-0409 Approving cost-sharing Cooperative Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to purchase 1.48 acres of wetland credits from 0.74 acres of filled in wetlands as part of the Easter Lake restoration project. - $44,400.00 and authorizing the Board Chair or his designee to sign said agreement.
#10-0410  Approving rental fee of $150.00 per night for rental of the Thomas Mitchell cabin and establishing a $50.00 per stay pet fee.

#19-0411  Approving payment of $13,723.68 to Midwest Underground for repair of Rayco Mower.

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

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

#19-0412  **Moved by** Northway to approve a contract with Grimes Asphalt and Paving for park road and parking lot improvements at Easter Lake and Mally’s parks for an amount not to exceed $220,000 and authorizing the Board Chair or his designee to sign contracts.

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

#19-0413  **Moved by** Baratta to approve waiving Board’s purchasing authority and authorizing the Director or his designee to award the bridge removal contract upon receipt of competitive bids. Directing staff to issue bids for construction of a new Trestle-to-Trestle trail bridge over Beaver Creek between Des Moines and Johnston and negotiate a cost-share with Polk County and the cities of Des Moines and Johnston. - $2,012,500 estimate.

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

#19-0414  **Moved by** Baratta to approve implementation of Polk County Conservation reorganization plan and seasonal pay rate adjustments and submit the Board’s recommendation to Polk County Human Resources Department.

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

#19-0415  **Moved by** Altringer to approve purchase of the Hager property and installation of fence along the north and west sides of the homestead. Authorize the Director or Deputy Director to execute all related documents for closing including purchase agreements and lease contracts.

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Director’s Remarks
- Staff Reports
- Summer Schedule: May – NC; June – EL; July – TM; August – YB; September - NC
- Easter Lake Park – Former Trailer Park site
- Ice Rink experiment at Jester Park
Board & Chair Remarks

- Flood damage
- Equestrian Center meeting

CLOSED SESSION

#19-0416  Moved by Altringer to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 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:** Altringer, Baratta, Northway, Cataldo

No action taken following closed session.

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.