

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

#1 – Roll Call

Board Present: Levis, Smith, Cataldo, Kurovski, Johnson

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

IT WAS MOVED BY CATALDO THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE APRIL 10, 2013 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. VOTE YEA: SMITH, LEVIS, KUROVSKI, JOHNSON, CATALDO

#2 – Consent Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY LEVI THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A) PCCB APRIL 2013 LIST OF EXPENDITURES;**
- B) STAFF PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 331.305 THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO MID AMERICAN ENERGY TO BRING ELECTRICITY TO THE CHICHAQUA BOTTOMS GREENBELT WELL AT THE PCCB'S JUNE 2013 (5:30 P.M.) MEETING; (Note: Existing easement used, no need for public hearing in June)**
- C) STAFF PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 331.305 THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON GRANTING IOWA TRANSMISSION COMPANY AN EASEMENT AT CHICHAQUA BOTTOMS GREENBELT AT THE PCCB'S JUNE 2013 (5:30 P.M.) MEETING;**
- D) STAFF PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 331.305 THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, COST ESTIMATE, AND FORM OF CONTRACT FOR THE EASTER LAKE TRAIL – PHASE 1 PROJECT AT THE PCCB'S JUNE 2013 (5:30 P.M.) MEETING;**
- E) STAFF PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 331.305 THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, COST ESTIMATE, AND FORM OF CONTRACT FOR THE FOUR**

MILE CREEK BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT AT THE PCCB'S JUNE 2013 (5:30 P.M.) MEETING;

F) STAFF PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 331.305 THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE ADDITION OF ELECTRIC CAMPING PEDESTALS AND CAMPSITE IMPROVEMENTS AT JESTER PARK CAMP AREA #2 AT THE PCCB'S JUNE 2013 (5:30 P.M.) MEETING;

G) THE SURPLUS ITEMS TO BE SOLD AT THE POLK COUNTY SPRING AUCTION ON 5/18/2013;

H) AUTHORIZES THE PCCB CHAIR TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DETAILING THE OBLIGATIONS OF ALL PARTIES COLLABORATING ON THE EATER LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT;

I) THE 2012-13 URBAN DEER BOW HUNT ANNUAL REPORT;

J) THE SALE OF PRE-CONSTRUCTED 33 GALLON RAIN BARRELS TO THE PUBLIC AT A COST OF \$50 PER BARREL.

VOTE YEA: CATALDO, SMITH, JOHNSON, KUROVSKI, LEVIS,

#3 – Public Hearing: Jester Park, Camp Area #2 Improvements, Electric Easement

Chair Smith opened public hearing on granting an easement to Mid American Energy at Jester Park to extend electric service from an existing transformer located near the lower shower house and extend east approximately

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

IT WAS MOVED BY JOHNSON THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD DETERMINE THAT THE EASEMENT AREA DESCRIBED AS “A PART OF THE SE ¼ OF THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 81 NORTH, RANGE 25 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. POLK COUNTY, IOWA” LOCATED WITHIN JESTER PARK IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PARK PURPOSES OR WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH PARK PURPOSES AND FORWARDING THE SAME ON TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT TO MID AMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY.

VOTE YEA: JOHNSON, KUROVSKI, LEVIS, SMITH, CATALDO

#4 – Budget Amendment

IT WAS MOVED BY LEVIS THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE APRIL 2013 PROPOSED 3RD QUARTER BUDGET AMENDMENT AS SUBMITTED.

VOTE YEA: KUROVSKI, CATALDO, SMITH, JOHNSON, LEVIS

#5 – Fort Des Moines, Pond Dredging – Design Services/Change Order

**IT WAS MOVED BY KUROVSKI THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE HIRING STANLEY CONSULTANTS TO COMPLETE THE DESIGN SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL BASIN (DAM) IN FORT DES MOINES PARK FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$19,045 WHICH INCLUDES GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS, ARCHEOLOGICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS.
VOTE YEA: KUROVSKI, JOHNSON, CATALDO, LEVIS, SMITH**

#6 – Employees, Recent Hires

INFORMATION ONLY.

#7 – Employee Introductions

PCCB employees Mark Hurm, Park Advocacy Manager, and Joe Boyles, Naturalist/Natural Resources Technician, introduced and told a little about themselves to the Board.

#8 – Land Acquisition(s), Closed Session

**IT WAS MOVED BY LEVIS THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (6:12 PM) PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 21.5(1)(j) TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF PARTICULAR REAL ESTATE BECAUSE PREMATURE DISCLOSURE COULD BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO INCREASE THE PRICE THE PCCB WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT PROPERTY.
VOTE YEA: SMITH, LEVIS, JOHNSON, KUROVSKI, CATALDO**

**IT WAS MOVED BY JOHNSON THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (7:18 PM).
VOTE YEA: JOHNSON, CATALDO, KUROVSKI, SMITH, LEVIS**

**IT WAS MOVED BY KUROVSKI THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE STAFF PROCEEDING ON SEVERAL LAND ACQUISITIONS AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.
VOTE YEA: KUROVSKI, LEVIS, SMITH, JOHNSON
VOTE ABSTAIN: CATALDO (ABSTAINED DUE TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ONE OF THE PROPERTIES)**

**IT WAS MOVED BY LEVIS THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE PCCB DIRECTOR TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE CLOSING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES: DES MOINES AIRPORT (ALONG HWY. 65/330), MILLER-RIST, AND BEAVER CREEK GREENBELT.
VOTE YEA: LEVIS, KUROVSKI, SMITH, CATALDO, JOHNSON**

#9 – Director’s Evaluation

IT WAS MOVED BY LEVIS THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE A 4% SALARY INCREASE FOR DIRECTOR DENNIS PARKER EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2013 (ANNIVERSARY DATE) AND A 2% COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

VOTE YEA: JOHNSON, KUROVSKI, LEVIS, SMITH

VOTE NAY: CATALDO

Board had further discussions with Parker about goals for 2013-2014.

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ADJOURNNMENT

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

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