

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

#1 – Roll Call

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

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

MOTION: Moved by Levis to approve the February 12, 2014 meeting minutes as written.

VOTE YEA: Levis, Kurovski, Smith, Johnson, Cataldo

#2 – Consent Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Johnson to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a) February 2014 bill list;
- b) ratifying actions approving accelerating the construction of the Chichaqua Valley Trail to summer and fall of 2014 based on the construction costs being covered by the County until such time as they can be reimbursed from PCWLL bond funds in December 2014;
- c) ratifying actions approving amendment to the contract with Reilly Construction for work at Fort Des Moines Park in a Change Order amount not to exceed \$25,000 and approving the Director to sign the Change Order;
- d) ratifying actions approving the submission of a Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) fund grant for the Jester Park Conservation Center Outdoor Streamscape and approving the Chair to sign Part 1 – Resolution on Acquisition or Development for Outdoor Recreation of the application;
- e) publishing notice pursuant to Iowa Code 331.305 that a public hearing will be held at the April 2014 meeting on granting an easement to Wastewater Reclamation Authority for installing a sewer line on Easter Lake Park property;

- f) accepting Waste Management of Iowa's bids for refuse disposal and entering into a three-year contract April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2017, with the provision for two one-year extensions based on satisfactory service;
- g) revised Drug-Free Workplace Policy and approve adopting the County's Policy for Commercial Driver's License Holders;
- h) proposal of the Cory Brothers to plant the food plots at Chichaqua for a fee of \$100 per acre for corn and \$80 per acre for small grains and that the Board instructs staff to work with the Cory's to harvest and crop share the hay resulting from maintaining the dog trialing areas.

VOTE YEA: Johnson, Smith, Cataldo, Kurovski, Levis

#3 – Jester Park Conservation Center Update

Director Parker updated the Board on the status of Center and spoke about the presentation given to the Vision Iowa Board on the CAT grant submitted for the Center. Discussion was also held on fund-raising for the Center and the promotional information being put together for this project.

#4 – Brown's Woods, 28E Agreement Between PCCB and the City of West Des Moines

MOTION: Moved by Smith to approve the Chair signing the 28E Agreement with the City of West Des Moines detailing the transfer of the City-owned property at Brown's Woods to the County, pending review and approval of the Agreement by the County Attorney prior to signing.

VOTE YEA: Levis, Kurovski, Cataldo, Johnson, Smith

#5 – PCCB Owned and Managed Properties

Discussion was held on the information Lown, Parks & Natural Areas Planning Administrator, provided in the meeting packet on this item.

#6 – Board Project Field Trips

Discussion was held on scheduling tours of projects for Board Members. The Board asked staff to develop a schedule of its summer meetings being held at various parks, at which time a tour of the area could take place as well, and to bring that schedule to the April meeting for consideration.

#7 – Employees, Recent Hires

Information only.

#8 – Jester Park, Cabins Update

Wayne Johnson, Construction Maintenance Manager, gave an update on the status of the Jester Park cabins project.

Discussion was held on issues relating to projects going over budget.

Chair Cataldo directed staff to in the future bring projects anticipated to go over budget to the Board for discussion sooner rather than later.

MOTION: Moved by Levis to approve expending an additional \$200,000 for cabin construction at Jester Park.

VOTE YEA: Smith, Levis, Cataldo, Johnson

VOTE NAY: Kurovski

#9 – Great Western Trail, Easement from City of Des Moines to Polk County

MOTION: Moved by Smith to approve accepting the permanent access easement from the City of Des Moines to Polk County, subject to approval of the easement by Polk County Attorney's Office, to allow for Polk County's permanent access to the new pedestrian culvert, a part of the Great Western Trail at Army Post Road, approves the Chair signing the easement; and further directs staff to record the easement and return to City of Des Moines.

VOTE YEA: Cataldo, Johnson, Kurovski, Smith, Levis

Public Comments

None.

Discussion Items

*Director Parker spoke on Volunteer Banquet held Sunday, March 16.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Cindy Lentz

Approved: 4/09/2014