



**LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
CONSERVATION BOARD**



**Monday, April 27, 2020  
Wickiup Hill Learning Center  
10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341**

To adhere to social distancing requirements, this meeting will be held by conference call.  
The public may participate in this meeting by calling (866) 576-7975  
Meeting code: 408101#

**12:00 P.M. (Noon)**

- **Call to order / roll call** - quorum / open meeting compliance.
- **Public comment** - this is an opportunity for the public to address topics on today's agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Items listed on the consent agenda are routine and will be considered by one motion without individual discussion unless the Board removes an item for separate consideration.**

- C1. Approve minutes of the March 23, 2020 monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures - Claims list # 2020-10.
- C3. Receive and place on file the March 2020 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the March 2020 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts  
None this month
- C6. Update regarding resource managers' position reclassification
- C7. Authorize purchase of new equipment - pumper unit
- C8. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Discuss and decide on approving a grant agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for funding through the Federal Recreation Trails Program (RTP) for funding the reconstruction and surfacing of the Cedar Valley Trail from the Benton County line through Urbana and authorize the Director to sign the agreement. (Randy Burke)
- R3. Discuss and decide on resolution #2020-2 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the Squaw Creek Park wetland project, Project #26-19D. (Kellogg)
- R4. Discuss and decide on resolution #2020-3 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for pond construction at Squaw Creek Park, Project #26-19E. (Kellogg)
- R5. Discuss Morgan Creek Park redevelopment project including the following items:
  - a. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing a change order to the contract with Rathje Construction and authorizing the Director to sign the change order.  
(Randy Burke/Isaac Hodgins)

- b. Discuss and decide on authorizing staff to order three Huffcut restroom buildings for the park development project. (Randy Burke)
- R6. Discuss and decide on an agricultural lease for 225 acres of land at the Linn Learning Farm and authorize the Director to sign the lease. (Kellogg)
- R7. Discuss and decide regarding a change order to the contract with Snyder and Associates for additional design work for wetlands at Squaw Creek Park and authorize the Director to sign the change order. (Kellogg)
- R8. Update regarding Covid-19 actions: (Goemaat)
  - a. Reservation facility refunds - verbal report
  - b. Covid-19 response, staff directives and changes in operations
  - c. Best practices for opening campgrounds during Covid-19 - statewide collaboration
  - d. Discuss and decide regarding authorizing staff to enact special management protocols as needed at various facilities per guidance from the Governor, Public Health or as determined by staff to promote the health and safety of park users.
- R9. Discuss and decide on forwarding certain bond-funded projects to the Linn County Bond Review Committee. (Goemaat)
- R10. Board member / staff reports - Board members and staff may report and/or discuss meetings or activities in which they have been involved. (Conservation Board & staff)
  - 1. Ryan Schlader - Community Outreach and Marketing.
  - 2. Squaw Creek name - update (Goemaat)
- R11. Public comment - This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board on any subject pertaining to Conservation Board business. **Note: There will be no Board discussion, decisions, and/or other board action related to these matters at this time.**
- R12. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference - September 16 -18, 2020 - Ames, Iowa
- 2. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation - October 26-29, 2020 - Orlando, Florida