



**LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
CONSERVATION BOARD**



**Monday, July 19, 2021  
Red Cedar Lodge, Wanatee Park  
1700 Big Bluestem Drive, Marion, IA 52302**

**10:00 A.M.**

- **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 June 28, 2021 monthly meeting
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures - Claims list # 2022-1
- C3. Receive and place on file the June 2021 financial / budget report
- C4. Receive and place on file the June 2021 activity report
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
  - 1. None
- C6. Approve project to hard surface the Cedar Valley Trail parking area at County Home Road and authorize the Director to sign the contract.
- C7. Authorize the Director to sign a change order for the Morgan Creek Park project.
- C8. Capital Improvement Program update

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the Cedar Valley Nature Trail, Hoover section repairs, Project #2-21. (Burke)
- R3. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2021-14, approval of the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimated construction costs for the Cedar Valley Nature Trail, Hoover section repairs, Project #2-21. (Burke)
- R4. Discuss and decide regarding Resolution #2021-15 establishing a speed limit and authorizing traffic signs be erected at Morgan Creek Park day use area. (Goemaat)
- R5. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2021-16, approving an application for funding assistance from the State Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant program through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for funding assistance for modifying the Pinicon Ridge dam, Project #2-19. (Gibbins)
- R6. Discuss and decide on memorandum of agreement with Linn County to follow the Linn County handbook for management employees. (Goemaat)
- R7. Discuss and decide on a memorandum of understanding with the Conservation Board bargaining unit regarding no holiday pay for seasonal employees and access to vacation for regular employees following their probation period. (Goemaat)

- R8. Discuss and decide on resolution #2021-17 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the Plains campground improvements in Pinicon Ridge Park, Project #2-21. (Burke)
- R9. Discuss and decide regarding an agreement to transfer land and development funds to the Conservation Board to establish and develop the Bird Preserve and authorize the Director to sign the agreement pending final legal review. (Gibbins)
- R10. Discuss man-made snow tubing and sledding site(s) proposal. (Hanson)
- R11. 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. Updates:
    - a. Board signatures for contract labor agreement. (Goemaat)
    - b. Natural resource management plans.(Gibbins)
    - c. Tower Terrace Road intersection with Cedar Valley Trail. (Goemaat)
- R12. 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.**
- R13. 11:00 AM - Meet with the Linn County Board of Supervisors to discuss issues of mutual interest and tour selected park areas including:
  - a) Discuss upcoming priority projects
  - b) Discuss items of mutual interest
  - c) Tour areas including:
    - i. Derecho damage, cleanup activity and woodland renovation plans
    - ii. Mountain bike trails
    - iii. Recently completed wetland projects
    - iv. Grant Wood Trail
    - v. Wanatee pond
    - vi. Trail damage at Wanatee Park
    - vii. Wanatee Park shop area
- R14. Adjournment

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. ICCS Annual Conference - September 15 - 17 - Ames
2. NRPA Congress for Parks -- September 21 - 23 - Nashville, TN