



**LINN COUNTY, IOWA
CONSERVATION BOARD**



**Monday, August 17, 2020
Morgan Creek Park Shelter
7001 Morgan Park Road, Palo, IA 52341**

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 July 20, 2020 monthly meeting.
- C2. Approve claims and expenditures - Claims list # 2021-2.
- C3. Receive and place on file the July 2020 financial / budget report.
- C4. Receive and place on file the July 2020 activity report.
- C5. Acceptance of Gifts
 1. Gift #3-2021 - Monetary contribution (\$750) from Linn County Trails association as a donation toward paving the Cedar Valley Trail.
- C6. Capital Improvement Program updates report.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R1. Approve consent agenda. (Conservation Board)
- R2. Public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for pond construction at Squaw Creek Park, Project #26-19E. (Kellogg)
- R3. Discuss and decide on Resolution #2020-11, approval of the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimated construction costs concerning the pond construction at Squaw Creek Park, Project #26-19E. (Kellogg)
- R4. Discuss and decide on resolution #2020-12 setting date and time for the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for a contract to erect the shelter and other components of the Morgan Creek Park redevelopment project, Project #3-19. (Burke)
- R5. Discuss and decide on authorizing staff to order the playground for the Morgan Creek Park redevelopment project: (Burke)
- R6. Report on recent Chain Lakes Natural Area addition - inventory and update on uses of property. (Kellogg)
- R7. Discuss and decide regarding Resolution #2020-13 Designating the recent addition to Chain Lakes Natural Area as open to hunting and trapping. (Goemaat)
- R8. Discuss and decide regarding Pinicon Ridge dam modification preferred option and direct the project engineer to proceed with additional planning for the selected option. (Gibbins/Schlader)

- R9. Discuss and decide regarding awarding a contract for engineering and design work for stream improvements to a tributary to Squaw Creek in Squaw Creek Park. (Kellogg)
- R10. Discuss proposed quinquennial celebration for the Linn Water and Land Legacy Bond. (Staff and Board)
- R11. Discuss and decide regarding Resolution #2020-14 designating the reconstructed prairie at the southern edge of Squaw Creek Park as the Monarch Research Prairie. (Gibbins)
- R12. Discuss and decide regarding next steps for a potential name change to Squaw Creek and Squaw Creek Park. (Goemaat)
- R13. Review Economic Benefits of Natural Resource Properties Managed by Linn County Conservation Board report. (Kellogg/Huck)
- R14. 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. Legislative Update - Great American Outdoors Act (Goemaat/Board)
 - b. Community Attraction and Tourism Grant update (Gibbins)
 - c. Biotope project status (Burke)
 - d. Possible land donation (Goemaat)
- R15. 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.**
- R16. Adjournment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. August 20 - Enhance Iowa Board meeting (CAT Grant Review) - 1:00 PM
2. August 27 - Linn Water and Land Legacy Bond Review Board meeting, Public Service Center/ZOOM - 6:30 PM
3. September 28 Conservation Board meeting at Wapsi Bluff Shelter, Pinicon Ridge Park - 10:30 AM
4. Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB) Annual Conference - September 15 -17, 2021 - Ames, Iowa
5. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress for Parks and Recreation - September 21 - 23, 2021 - Nashville, TN