



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# Iowa DNR News

## Conservation and Recreation

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## Hawkeye Wildlife Area refuge opens Dec. 19

The wildlife refuge at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area in Johnson County will be open for public use, including hunting and trapping, on Dec. 19.

The main purpose of the refuge is to provide a safe resting and feeding area for waterfowl. The Hawkeye Wildlife Area is in the south duck and goose zone. Iowa's south zone duck season closes Dec. 14.

While the goose season will be open until Jan. 15, 2018, geese use of the refuge is minimal this time of year, preferring the open water in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City metro areas.

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## Natural Resource Commission to meet Dec. 14 in Des Moines

Des Moines – The Natural Resource Commission (NRC) of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will meet at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 14, in the Wallace State Office Building, fourth floor conference room, 502 East Ninth Street, in Des Moines.

The meeting is open to the public.

Members of the NRC are Kim Francisco, Dennis Schemmel, Margo Underwood, Marcus Branstad, Phyllis Reimer, Tom Prickett and Laura Hommel. The director of the DNR is Chuck Gipp.

Any person attending the public meeting and has special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments should contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-

8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.

The following is the agenda for the Dec. 14 meeting.

- **Approve Agenda**
- Consent Agenda\*
- \*Contract with Hertz Farm Management Inc.
- \*Contract with Agri-Valley Farm Management LLC
- \*Contract with Mid States Farm Management Services
- \*Contract with the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission
  
- **Approve Minutes of Nov. 9 Meeting**
- **Director's Remarks**
- **Division Administrator's Remarks**
- **Adams County Conservation Board Lake Icaria Project**
- **Donations**
- **Contract with Colorado State University (Chronic Wasting Disease Testing)**
- **Contract Amendment-2 with Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners (Conservation Districts of Iowa)**
- **Contract with Agriland Inc.**
- **\*Contract with Hertz Farm Management Inc.**
- **\*Contract with Agri-Valley Farm Management LLC**
- **\*Contract with Mid States Farm Management Services**
- **Public Land Management Project: Management Agreement – Scott County – City of Bettendorf**
- **\*Contract with the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission**
- **Contract with the Polk County Conservation Board (Easter Lake)**
- **Construction Projects**
- Ledges State Park, Campground Renovation and Entrance Portal – Boone County
- Maquoketa Caves State Park, Roadway Reconstruction, Maintenance and Campground Electrical – Jackson County
- Lewis and Clark State Park, Blue Lake Auxiliary Water Main – Monona County
- Lewis and Clark State Park, Shoreline Armoring – Monona County
- Easter Lake, Lake Grading, Fish Habitat, Shoreline Restoration – Polk County
- Red Rock Wildlife Unit, Mud Creek Water Diversion Structure – Polk County
- Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, Campground Improvements – Van Buren County
- Geode State Park, Campground Renovation – Henry County
- Geode State Park, Lake Restoration – Henry County
  
- **Small Construction Projects**
- **Public Land Acquisition Projects**
- Ram Hollow Wildlife Management Area, Dubuque County – Dubuque County Conservation Society
- Fox Hills Wildlife Management Area, Wapello County – Myers

- Wapsi River Wildlife Area, Turtle Creek, Mitchell County – Schroeder
- **General Discussion**
- NRC Discussion of Administrative Law Judge Cases
- NRC Annual Report
- **Next Meeting, Jan. 17, in Des Moines**

For a complete agenda, go to [www.iowadnr.gov/nrc](http://www.iowadnr.gov/nrc)