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Contracts and tour on Environmental Protection agenda

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DES MOINES—Contracts and a tour of Easter Lake watershed improvement project are the highlights of the Aug. 20 Environmental Protection Commission meeting in Des Moines.

The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. in Room 116 of the Iowa State Capitol, 1007 E. Grand Avenue. From 1 to 2:30 p.m., commissioners will meet at the Historic Bridge to tour improvements at Easter Lake on the southeast side of Des Moines. The tour is open to the public with access through the south entrance.

Commissioners will be asked to approve six contracts related to floodplain mapping efforts. Funding for the projects comes largely from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In other action, commissioners will be asked to approve updated fees for water use permits and two watershed improvement contracts.

The meeting is open to the public. There is no scheduled public participation. Written comments may be submitted up to one day before the meeting to Jerah Sheets at Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov or to DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319 up to one day prior to the business meeting.

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes
- Monthly Reports
- Director's Remarks
- Contract Amendment #3 to an existing contract (17ESDLQBSRALS-999) with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Program Management (PM) and Community Engagement & Risk Communication (CERC) Flood Plain Mapping Services
- Contract Amendment #4 with University of Iowa Flood Center

- Contract Amendment #3 to existing contracts (17ESDLQBSRALS-0001, 17ESDLQBSRALS-0002, 17ESDLQBSRALS-0003, 17ESDLQBSRALS-0004) with Pre-Qualified Companies for Flood Plain Mapping Services
- Water Supply – Water Use & Allocation Annual Permit Fee
- Contract with the Palo Alto Soil and Water Conservation District (Shallow Lakes Watershed Planning)
- Contract with Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) – Black Hawk Lake Watershed
- EPC Meeting Dates 2020
- General Discussion
- Items for Next Month’s Meeting
 - Sept. 16 – Educational Tour – Marion County
 - Sept. 17 – EPC Business Meeting – Des Moines
 - Oct. 15 – EPC Business Meeting – Des Moines

Find the complete agenda at www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Boards-Commissions.

Commissioners include: Ralph Lents, Menlo, chair; Harold Hommes, Windsor Heights, vice chair; Bob Sinclair, Sigourney, Secretary; Stephanie Dykshorn, Ireton; Amy Echard, Farmersburg; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; Rebecca Guinn, Bettendorf; Howard Hill, Cambridge; and Tim Kaldenberg, Albia. Kayla Lyon is the DNR director.

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Air Quality permits under review

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DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans’ health and the air where we live. DNR’s permitting staff review the applications to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality standards. The public has the right and is encouraged to comment on draft permits. DNR considers [public comments](#) before finalizing the permits. Submit comments in writing to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the public comment period.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modified sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch.

Webster County Cargill, Inc. – 1950 Harvest Avenue, Fort Dodge. Project No. 19-183, Increase grind rate. The public comment period ends Sept. 16.