



IMPORTANT DATES:

- * Mar. 31 District 2 Mtg. - Floyd County
- * Apr. 2 District 1 Mtg. -Story County
- * Apr. 8 CCPOA Exec. Comm. Meeting - Ames * Apr. 10. - Equine Soft
- Trails Conf. Des Moines * Apr. 18 - IACCB Spring
- Board Member Workshop, Clinton CCB

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60th Anniversary of County Conservation! Sept. 17 - 19, 2015 Cedar Rapids



Photo courtesy of the Cedar Rapids Gazette http://www.kcrg.com/subject/news/crowd-advocates-salestax-boost-for-iowa-natural-resources-20150317

SF357 ON TO WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE!

The bill is on the move - YOUR efforts are making it happen! A special thanks to the many of you that made it to the 8:00 AM meeting on Tuesday at the capitol to help pack the senate subcommittee meeting. Kudos to Dan Heissel (Clay) and Matt Cosgrove (Webster) for their preparation and presentation of talking points that were right on target - resonating with the senators, news media and the

80+ attendees that packed the committee meeting room. A specific email was sent out to all CCB employees and Board Members yesterday morning with a list of Senate Ways & Means Committee members, along with an urgent request to contact them as soon as possible. Link to list: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/committee?ga=86&groupID=692 Stay tuned for additional information & alerts as we monitor and aggressively work to get this bill out of committee! (See new information on page two of this newsletter)



TURTLE SEASON? GET EDUCATED

We have placed information into the Portal's "LEGISLATIVE" file for you to review concerning the proposed changes to lowa's turtle harvest season. The DNR is hoping the Governor will take action on this soon. For more information.

contact: molly.hanson4@gmail.com

Parent folder LEGISLATIVE - TURTLES -DNR Decision Making.pdf LEGISLATIVE - TURTLES -Exec. Summary.pdf LEGISLATIVE - TURTLES -Gov. Form.pdf

PORTAL – IWILL FILE UPDATED

Dated information has been removed, and two new files have been added this week to the IWILL File in the portal: A current listing of Legislative Forums through the end of the month; and, the list of senators & their contact information that was sent out in the email earlier today. This general IWILL file has proven to be useful in developing information for



presentations (PowerPoints), newsletters and comments or questions for legislative forums. Please refer to this location in the future as we will continue to upload new or necessary information as this legislative session continues forward. As always - please call or email with your specific inquiries or helpful information – thanks!

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SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE - TARGETED LEGISLATORS

The IWILL Coalition leadership has asked that we make a concerted effort to contact the following specific members of the **Senate Ways & Means Committee** to urge support of SF357:

Organization Responsible: County Conservation (Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson to do lobby outreach)

Sen. Bill Anderson, R-Pierson bill.anderson@legis.iowa.gov 712-898-2505 No Twitter

Sen. Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque pam.jochum@legis.iowa.gov 563-556-6530 Twitter @PJochum

Sen. Joe Seng, D-Davenport josephmseng@gmail.com 563-940-0671 No Twitter

SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE - TARGETED FORUMS

(The following forums should be targeted for attendance by CCB representative (s) - Utilize the "Legislative Forum Guide" available in the IWILL folder in the Portal to assist you in preparation for attending a forum. Please remember that we cannot guarantee the legislators listed as attendees will for sure be in attendance)

Saturday, March 28 8:30am - Where: Board Room, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa

Potential Attendees: Senators Rick Bertrand and Bill Anderson, Representatives Chris Hall, Dave Dawson, and Ron Jorgenson

Host: Sioux City School Board

Saturday, March 28 10:00am - Where: Public Museum, 607 4th St, Sioux City, Iowa

Potential Attendees: Senators Rick Bertrand and Bill Anderson, Representatives Chris Hall, Dave Dawson, and Ron Jorgenson

Host: League of Women Voters

AMMUNITION PURCHASES FOR TRAINING

The State of Iowa recently conducted a bid for ammunition for State of Iowa Law Enforcement Agencies. The State has chosen to make the pricing available to Political Subdivisions; cities, counties, state universities, and schools. Prices are case pricing and are based on a minimum of a 1 case purchase. You may order from the awarded vendors by referencing the contracts below. For more information, or to view the pricing, please visit the Department of Administrative Services(DAS) Contract Site: http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/index.php?pgname=viewcontracts

These contracts are available for use starting on March 1, 2015. Purchasing questions should be directed to Ryan Roovaart, DAS Purchasing Agent, 515-281-5602; or email Ryan.Roovaart@lowa.gov

Contract #	Vendor	Brand	Discount off MFG List Price	Contact Name	Phone	Contact Email
4948-15	Ultramax	CCI Blazer Federal Speer Force on Force	20% 20% 20% 5%	Lana Braunstein	800-345-5852	ultramax@amerion.com
4949-15	Kiesler Police Supply	Remington	14%	Kelsie McMahel	812-288-5740 Ext. 171	kmcmahel@kiesler.com
4950-15	Ray O'Herron	Winchester	43%	Shellie Donoho	800-223-2097 Ext. 114	sdonoha@oherran.com
4951-15	Sunset Law Enforcement	Hornady	47%	Laurie Bright	1 (647)-847-2464	laurie@sunsetdist.com





PARK DIRECTORS AND TRAIL MANAGERS – It's Time to Register for the 2015 Iowa Horse Council Soft Trails Conference – 4/10/15, Des Moines

The Iowa Horse Council (IHC) extends a special invitation to all Iowa County Conservation Directors and Trail Managers - including those who do not currently have equestrian trails. Come and meet equestrians who value the trails they have to ride on and learn about how to sustain the trails you have.

There will be a free copy of The Federal Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds available to all attendees. We also encourage attendees to bring information/brochures about your county park to the conference. A table for these materials will be located at the registration area. The focus of the 2015 conference will be on Iowa's county park trails with an opening presentation on economic impact by Tom Hazelton, CEO, Iowa's County Conservation System. Other items include presentations by various trail riders on their favorite county trail and a summary of 2014 state trails maintenance

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: http://iowahorsecouncil.org/iowa-horse-trails/

GOVENOR'S IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2015

Announcing the opening of applications for the annual Governor's lowa Environmental Excellence Awards 2015. The Environmental Excellence Awards are lowa's premier environmental honor recognizing leadership and innovation in protecting lowa's water land and air. If your organization has made a commitment to protect lowa's natural resources, you are encouraged you to consider applying for an award and the resulting recognition of being an lowa leader. In addition to the Overall Environmental Excellence Award category, there are several project-specific categories to be recognized, including:

- Air Quality
- Environmental Education
- Waste Management
- * Energy Efficiency/Renewable energy
- * Habitat Restoration
- * Water Quality

For more information about the Iowa Environmental Excellence Awards, and to download an application and instructions, please go to www.iowadnr.gov/eeawards. Applications must be received by May 20, 2015. Please do not hesitate to forward this email to others that you believe are deserving of such recognition. Please contact Emily Bainter with questions regarding the awards or the application process. Emily's contact information is: emily.bainter@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-725-8281



REGISTRATION DEADLINE – April 13th!

Follow the link below to workshop agenda and registration information for the 2015 edition of the annual IACCB Board Member Spring Workshop in Clinton County. Looking forward to seeing many of you all there!

LINK TO WORKSHOP REGISTRATION INFO: http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/spring-workshop.html



2015 USER FEE SURVEY RESULTS IN PORTAL

As reported earlier – the **2015 IACCB User Fee Survey** has been completed and compiled. The data Excel file and Question Listing have been placed in the USER FEE SURVEYS file in the Portal. If there is data you are looking for that was not included in this survey, please feel free to utilize the Best Practices system for your inquiry – thanks!



EMPLOYMENTOPPORTUNITIES

http://www.mycountyparks.com/Jobs/Default.aspx

- 1. JOHNSON Co. Field Worker II
- 2. POLK Co. Deputy Director
- 3. TAMA Co. Naturalist/Park Ranger
- 4. GUTHRIE Co. Conservation Roadside Technician
- 5. EMMET Co. Naturalist
- 6. DICKINSON Co. IRVM Vegetation Specialist
- 7. TEMPORARY POSTIONS 65+ opportunities listed on the website







NEWSLETTER JOB LISTINGS

Openings listed in this newsletter will

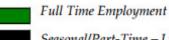
include ONLY PERMANENT POSITIONS.

ALL positions – both permanent AND

seasonal, will continue to be posted under the EMPLOYMENT link at the bottom of

every page on our website:

www.MyCountyParks.com



Seasonal/Part-Time - Listed on website