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## Pottawattamie County Conservation Board Appoints Kelly Dix of the PCCF, New Leadership Selected

The PCCB rang in 2022 with a new member and leadership.

Council Bluffs, IA: The Pottawattamie County Conservation Board (PCCB) was proud to appoint Kelly Dix of Council Bluffs on January 11, 2022. Dix was sworn in by Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors Chair Tim Wichman.

The PCCB also named new leadership roles for current members, selecting Chris Ruhaak as President, Eric Hough as Vice President, and Jerry Mathiasen as Secretary. In December the board celebrated and thanked Joyce Isaacson as she exited the board after almost 8 years of service.

Kelly Dix currently serves as Vice President of Operations at the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation and previously worked as an Environmental Educator at Pottawattamie Conservation.

"The Pottawattamie Conservation programs and parks hold a special place in my heart and I am eager to assist with the essential conservation, education, and recreational opportunities they generate in southwest Iowa," Dix said. "Pottawattamie Conservation is a leader in its field, and as a former employee, I feel that I will bring unique and valuable insights to the board."

Kelly is a native of Omaha, Nebraska, but has called Pottawattamie County home for nearly 20 years. Kelly graduated from Creighton University in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and began working for Pottawattamie Conservation in 2003 as an Environmental Educator. Kelly treasures her time with Pottawattamie Conservation and appreciates its mission of providing diverse and sustainable education, recreation, and conservation opportunities.

In 2015, Kelly joined the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation and currently serves as the Vice President of Operations. Kelly was named to the 2016 class of 40 Greater Omaha, Sarpy County and Council Bluffs entrepreneurs, executives, and professional men and women under the age of 40 (40 Under 40) by the Midlands Business Journal. She is a graduate of the Leadership Council Bluffs program, has served on the Down Syndrome Alliance of the Midlands' gala committee, is currently a board member for the Iowa Parks Foundation's Loess Hills



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Missouri River Region, and is a member of the Nonprofit Association of the Midlands' Nonprofit Executive Institute Class 15.

Kelly and her husband, Nate, have four children and live in Council Bluffs.

**About Pottawattamie Conservation:** Pottawattamie Conservation promotes an appreciation for Iowa's unique natural areas through year-round environmental education programming, natural resource management, habitat restoration, as well as many recreational activities at our five county parks. Whether you enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, or just want to learn something new, Pottawattamie Conservation offers exceptional opportunities to experience and explore the outdoors. <u>pottconservation.com</u>

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