

## **SUMMARY OF PROGRAM FOR BEAVER TRAPPING IN NON-DRAINAGE DISTRICT AREAS**

The program adopted by the BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS is intended to implement a program to provide an incentive to encourage the trapping of beaver in the non-drainage district areas of Buena Vista County. \$1,000 has been appropriated to be paid out at the rate of \$40/beaver trapped in the natural streams of the county. Trappers are encouraged to turn in their beaver tails and claim forms as soon as possible because the total payout is limited to \$1,000. Upon evaluation of the trial program, the board will consider whether to renew the program or not.

It is the intent of the resolution to make the payment for trapping of beaver in those instances where the beaver are trapped in the natural streams.

The Board of Supervisors does not assume the right to give permission to any trapper to enter private property to do this trapping. Only the landowner or his designated or appointed agent may give such permission; and each trapper is obligated to secure from the landowner or his agent the right to enter and trap the beaver. This right to enter and trap must be documented on the "BUENA VISTA COUNTY TRAPPING FORM" and signed by the landowner/agent for payment for the trapping of a beaver. The form must be filled out completely by the trapper prior to submission to the Buena Vista County Auditor for payment.

Since most landowners or tenants know whether the open ditch or stream crossing their land is under the management of the Board of Supervisors as an open drainage ditch of a legally organized drainage district it will be assumed that the landowner or tenant will make this information available to the trapper at the time the initial contact is made to secure the right to trap.

All claims for the payment of trapped beaver will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at the time of payment for verification of eligibility of payment. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to refuse any claim deemed to be unfounded.

No payment will be made for beaver trapped at any time other than the legal time set for trapping of beaver as established by the Iowa Conservation Commission.