

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM FOR BEAVER TRAPPING

Introduction: The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors are the trustees of many drainage districts in the county. They are responsible for maintaining the districts, including removing obstructions to the free drainage of water. The natural intent of the beaver is to build dams; this obstructs the water. Therefore, removal of the beaver by trappers is encouraged to avoid the more costly removal of beaver dams.

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 or not 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.

The Board of Supervisors will review all claims for the payment of a trapped beaver 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.

It is the intent of these program resolutions to make the payment for trapping of beaver in instances where the beavers are trapped either in the legally established open ditches of a drainage district or, in the natural streams.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT AREAS

The resolution adopted 1-14-86 by the BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS acting as trustees for the many drainage districts in Buena Vista County is intended to provide an incentive to encourage the trapping of beaver from the open ditches of the legal drainage districts in Buena Vista County. Payment will be made from the Fund of the drainage district where the beaver was trapped.

NON-DRAINAGE DISTRICT AREAS

The program 10-24-00 by the BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS was 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. This program was updated 1-3-2023 as follows from ~~\$1,000~~ updated to \$1,500 has been appropriated to be paid out at the rate of ~~\$40/beaver~~ to an updated amount of \$50/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~~ updated to \$1,500. Consideration of this program will be determined at budget time based on whether or not funding is approved for the year.