

Wetland expansion discussed

The supervisors signed an agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation and the State of Iowa to develop areas of wetland. The planned expansion of U.S. Highway 20 would displace about 27 acres of wetland that need to be replaced.

Webster County Conservation Director Matt Cosgrove said the county is looking to expand the Miller Marsh near Vincent, adding about 146 acres to the wetland.

Cosgrove said the state will help Webster County purchase the new land and help seed it. After that it would be up to the county to upkeep the land.

An offer has been made for 70 acres of the proposed wetland and negotiations with two other owners are still under way.

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