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## Executive Council of Iowa

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July 1, 2024

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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved the Department of Natural Resources' request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,000.00, subject to audit of actual invoices. On January 26, 2024, the stone entrance portal at Maquoketa Caves State Park was damaged by snowfall. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Kristi Onstot*

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Executive Secretary

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources  
Sherry Arntzen, Bureau Chief, State Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau, Department of Natural Resources  
Kara Bryant, Federal Aid Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources  
Matt Bender, Department of Management  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

AOS Claim # 3689  
TOS Job # \_\_\_\_\_



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May 21, 2024

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Damages to the Stone Entrance Portal at Maquoketa Caves State Park  
Due to Snowfall on January 26, 2024  
Department of Natural Resources  
Claim Dated May 10, 2024  
AOS Claim ID: 3689

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above-mentioned damage incurred by the Department of Natural Resources is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$5,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Sherry Arntzen, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau, Department of Natural Resources  
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resources  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

May 10, 2024

Victoria Newton  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
LOCAL

Tammy Hollingsworth  
Auditor's Office  
Lucas Building  
LOCAL

RE: Stone Entrance Portal Damage at Maquoketa Caves State Park

Dear Victoria and Tammy:

On Friday, January 26, 2024, it was discovered that the stone entrance portal at Maquoketa Caves State Park in Jackson County had been damaged. Elizabeth Thacker sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on the same day. The cost estimate for repairing the damaged stone entrance portal is \$5,000.00 and the estimate is attached for your reference.

The supporting documents include:

- E-mail notification to the Executive Council and the Auditor's Office
- Estimated cost of repair due to the damage
- Four photos showing the damage

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$5,000.00 for AOS ID #3689.

I thank you and the Executive Council members for your time and consideration in reviewing this material. Please inform me if it would be advantageous to participate in the Executive Council meeting in order to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Sherry L. Arntzen, Bureau Chief  
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

cc: Kara Bryant, DNR Budget and Finance

Attachments: 6

**ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS**

Project #

Maquoketa Caves State Park

East Entrance Stone Portal Repair

5/8/2024

Mark Moeller

		Full Project			
Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
2	Restore East Entrance Stone Portal, Tuckpointing, Capping Off, Replace Stones as needed.	1	LS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>					<b>\$5,000.00</b>

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## Notification of Damages - Maquoketa Caves Stone entrance portal

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Thacker, Elizabeth <elizabeth.thacker@dnr.iowa.gov>

Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 3:30 PM

To: "Tammy A. Hollingsworth" <tammy.hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>, "ExecutiveCouncil [TOS]" <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>

Cc: Kim Bohlen <kim.bohlen@dnr.iowa.gov>, Seth Moore <seth.moore@dnr.iowa.gov>, "Arntzen, Sherry" <sherry.arntzen@dnr.iowa.gov>, "Bryant, Kara" <kara.bryant@dnr.iowa.gov>, Detra Dettmann <detra.dettmann@dnr.iowa.gov>

Hi Tammy and Executive Council,

On Friday January 26, 2024 the stone entrance portal was found damaged at Maquoketa Caves. Upon the melting of recent snowfall, park staff discovered damage to the stone entrance portal. It appears that the portal was struck by an unknown object at some point during the snowfall. While the exact cause and date of impact remain undetermined, the resulting damage is evident in the attached four (4) photos.

Once we have more information and are able to evaluate the damage, an allocation request will be submitted.

Thanks and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask.

**Elizabeth Thacker**

**Guest Service and Reservation System Assistant**

State Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau

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### 4 attachments



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