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## Executive Council of Iowa

CAPITOL BUILDING  
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319  
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July 1, 2024

Mr. Nathan Schmitz  
Land & Water Bureau  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Wallace State Office Building  
502 E. 9th St.  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Mr. Schmitz:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved the following lease:

Lease between DNR and Matteson Marine Service, Inc.

Date of Lease: October 1, 2024 to May 31, 2029

Legal Description: A parcel in the bed of the Mississippi River including approximately 100 feet of depth by 600 feet of length, Mississippi River Mile 427.7, located in Sec. 22, Twp 73N, R 1W of the 5th P.M., Louisa County, Iowa. The leased area begins 400 feet downstream of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad Bridge, which is approximately 25 miles south of Muscatine, IA.

Purpose: Barge fleeting

Annual Fee: \$2,712.00

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Kristi Onstot*

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Secretary

## Onstot, Kristi [TOS]

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**From:** Steffensmeier, Andrew  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 9:07 AM  
**To:** Schmitz, Nathan [DNR]; Newton, Victoria [TOS]  
**Subject:** RE: Chapter 17 Lease No 45-R Matteson Marine Services, Inc.  
**Attachments:** 45-R Matteson Lease 2024 - Tenant + Director Signed.pdf

Good morning Ms. Newton,

I am writing to advise that I have reviewed and hereby recommend the Executive Council approve the Chapter 17 lease, forwarded to me by Nathan Schmitz at the DNR's Land and Water Bureau.

This is a commercial lease which involves a parcel in the bed of the Mississippi River located at river mile 427.7 in Section 22, Township 73 North, Range 1 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Louisa County, Iowa. The lessee, Matteson Marine Service, Inc. intends to use the leased premises for barge fleeting and has agreed to pay an annual fee of \$2,712.00 for this privilege. The term of the lease is 5 years, expiring on May 31, 2029. The DNR has determined that the lease subject to the conditions of this agreement will preserve the State's title and has not adversely impacted public use of the real estate.

If you or the Executive Council members need me to provide anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you

Andrew



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**From:** Schmitz, Nathan <nathan.schmitz@dnr.iowa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:02 AM  
**To:** Steffensmeier, Andrew <Andrew.Steffensmeier@ag.iowa.gov>; Newton, Victoria [TOS] <Victoria.Newton@tos.iowa.gov>  
**Subject:** Chapter 17 Lease No 45-R Matteson Marine Services, Inc.

Andrew,

Please find attached the chapter 17 Lease 45-R with Matteson Marine Services, Inc. for your review. If you approve, please forward the same to Ms. Newton.

Thanks,

**Nathan Schmitz**

**Right of Way Agent 2**

Land and Waters Bureau

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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA LEASE  
[IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES]**

The Executive Council of Iowa (Council), upon recommendation of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is authorized by Iowa Code Section 461A.25, to lease public real estate in accordance with a rental fee schedule established in 571 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 17.

Whereas, Matteson Marine Service, Inc., (Tenant), P.O. Box 667, Burlington, IA 52601, a corporation organized under the laws of Iowa, has made a proper application for a renewal lease of real estate described as state-owned land. The Tenant's request has been reviewed by the DNR and it has determined that a lease subject to the conditions of this agreement will preserve the state's title and not adversely affect public use of the real estate.

Therefore, the Council leases to the Tenant the following described premises (referred to in these lease terms as "Leased Premises"):

A parcel in the bed of the Mississippi River including approximately 100 feet of depth by 600 feet of length, Mississippi River Mile 427.7, located in Sec. 22, Twp 73N, R 1W of the 5th P.M., Louisa County, Iowa. The leased area begins 400 feet downstream of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad Bridge, which is approximately 25 miles south of Muscatine, IA.

The Tenant, in consideration of the agreements below, leases from the State of Iowa the above-described premises, according to the following conditions:

- 1. TERM OF LEASE.** The term of this lease shall be from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to May 31, 2029, inclusive.
- 2. RENTAL.** The DNR has determined the proposed use to be commercial. The Tenant shall pay rent annually for the term of this lease to the DNR at its offices at the 6200 Park Ave., Ste 200, Des Moines, Iowa 50321 or at such place as it may direct, as follows: The first annual lease payment shall be payable on the date this lease is executed with subsequent annual lease payments due before **June 1st** in each succeeding year for the term of the lease. The first annual payment shall be \$1,582.00 (7/12\*\$2,712.00), with annual payments thereafter adjusted on a cumulative basis based on the percentage of the consumer price index for the Midwest Urban Region, published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the previous one-year period ending December 31st. If the IAC571-Chapter 17 Fee Schedule is amended during the term of this lease, the fee shall be adjusted to meet the revised schedule.
- 3. TENANT'S USE OF THE PREMISES.** Consistent with the limitations described herein, the Tenant agrees during the term of this lease to use and occupy the leased premises only for

barge fleeting. Other uses are prohibited unless authorized by a written amendment to this lease.

#### **4. STRUCTURES.**

a. Only those structures or fills existing on the Leased Premises at the time of execution of this lease are authorized under this lease. The following structures and fills exist on the premises at the time of execution of this lease:

a. None

b. The Tenant shall not materially modify, alter or add to those structures or fills identified herein without first obtaining permission from the DNR, which may require the issuance of a Sovereign Lands construction permit pursuant to Iowa Code section 461A.4 and 571 IAC chapter 13 depending on the extent of such modification or addition. The Tenant also agrees to obtain all necessary permits from other governmental agencies prior to performing any construction on the Leased Premises and comply with any zoning requirements that may apply to their adjacent property.

c. If the structures described herein deteriorate beyond repair or are otherwise destroyed, regardless of cause, the Tenant must reconstruct, repair or remove such structures, but only after consultation with and written approval by DNR, which may require the issuance of a Sovereign Lands construction permit pursuant to Iowa Code section 461A.4 and 571 IAC chapter 13 depending on the extent of such modification or addition.

d. General maintenance described in paragraph five (5) below does not constitute a material modification, alteration, or addition for purposes of subparagraphs b and c of this section.

**5. MAINTENANCE.** The structure(s) described above shall be maintained by the Tenant to keep in good working order. The Tenant shall be responsible to make repairs and adjustments to such structures, if required, to avoid any harm or injury to the public.

**6. TITLE TO PREMISES.** The Tenant agrees that title of the state of Iowa to the Leased Premises will not be affected by Tenant's occupancy.

**7. DEPARTMENT'S USE OF THE PREMISES.** Representatives of the DNR may enter upon the Leased Premises for the purposes of viewing alteration thereof by the Tenant, to inspect compliance with the terms of this lease, or to perform any duties of the DNR.

**8. PUBLIC USE OF THE PREMISES.** This lease shall not be construed to give the Tenant exclusive use of the Leased Premises. The right to enter upon the Leased Premises for any lawful purpose is hereby specifically reserved to the public of the state of Iowa. However, this

lease is not intended to deny the Tenant the right to exclude the public from using the Leased Premises, or portions thereof, in a manner that poses risk to the public health, safety or welfare by virtue of the Tenant's authorized use or that unreasonably interferes with the Tenant's authorized use.

**9. SURRENDER OF PREMISES AT END OF TERM.** At the expiration of the term of this lease and any renewal periods, the Tenant will yield possession of the Leased Premises to the DNR and will, within 90 days after the expiration of the term of this lease, remove all fill, equipment or structures and restore the affected area to an undisturbed condition.

**10. AMENDMENT, TRANSFER, ASSIGNMENT, AND SUBLEASE.** This lease may be amended only by written mutual consent of the parties. The Tenant shall not transfer or assign this lease and shall not sublet the Leased Premises or any part thereof except with prior written consent of the DNR.

**11. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Tenant agrees to jointly and severally indemnify and hold the State, its agencies, officials and employees harmless from all costs, expenses, losses, claims, damages, liabilities, settlements and judgments, including reasonable value of the time spent by the Attorney General's Office, and the costs and expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees of other counsel required to defend the State of Iowa or the DNR, related to or arising from its acts under this Lease. The Tenant shall be solely responsible and liable for any and all of its actions or inactions, as well of the actions or inactions of its subcontractors, employees, agents, licensees, and invitees, and results thereof, of any nature, which may occur within or upon the Leased Premises or in connection with this Lease.

**12. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT OF TENANT.** This lease shall terminate automatically, without notice, on the date specified in numbered Paragraph 1 above. However, the DNR may terminate this lease for material violation of any condition of this lease. Notice of such termination by the DNR shall be given in writing, and the Tenant shall have 30 days after service thereof to remove themselves from the Leased Premises unless a longer period is specified in the notice. If the Tenant, after termination, fails to remove any structure or fill placed on state land under authority of a DNR permit or this lease, the DNR, with assistance from the Attorney General, may bring an action for a court order compelling removal at the Tenant's expense.

**13. NOTICES.** All notices provided to be given, or which may be given, by either party to the other shall be deemed to have been fully given when made in writing and deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as provided above. The address to which the notices shall be mailed to either party may be changed by written notice given by either party to the other. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the giving of any notice by personal service.

**14. CONSTRUCTION.** Words and phrases in this document shall be construed as in the singular or plural number and as masculine, feminine or neuter gender according to the context.

**15. RENEWAL.** This lease may be renewed if it does not adversely affect a public interest. In the event renewal is desired, the Tenant agrees to apply for renewal of this lease not more than nine month or less than six months prior to the expiration date. Failure to request renewal shall terminate the Tenant's rights to the fleeting area.

**16. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this lease is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other part or provision of this lease.

**17. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.** The Tenant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations and orders in its utilization of the Leased Premises.

**18. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.** The parties agree this lease shall be construed solely in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa, and the parties further agree and acknowledge in the event there are any court proceedings arising out of or in any manner related to this lease such proceedings shall be brought exclusively in the Iowa District Court in and for Polk County with respect to which the parties fully consent to that court's jurisdiction and waive any objections of any sort to such proceedings going forth in that forum. This provision shall not be construed as waiving immunity to suit or liability including without limitation sovereign immunity in State or Federal Court, which may be available to the DNR or the State of Iowa.

**19. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This lease constitutes the entire agreement between DNR and the Tenant with respect to the use of the Leased Premises as described here, and the Tenant acknowledges that it is entering into the lease solely on the basis of the terms and conditions herein contained and not in reliance upon any representation, statement, inducement or promise, whether oral or written, not contained herein. This lease supersedes all prior contracts and agreements between DNR and the Tenant for the use of the Leased Premises.

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**TENANT: Matteson Marine Service, Inc.**

Larry W. Matteson  
**Larry W. Matteson, President**  
**Matteson Marine Service, Inc.**

STATE OF Iowa, Des Moines COUNTY:

This instrument was acknowledged before me on 5/30/24 (date) by Larry W. Matteson as President of Matteson Marine Service, Inc.

Lisa J. Grant  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF Iowa

**LISA J. GRANT**  
Iowa Notarial Seal  
Commission Number: 199291  
My Commission Expires: 11-9-2025

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:**

Recommended for approval by majority vote of the Iowa Natural Resource Commission at its meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2024, as reflected by the minutes.

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**Kayla Lyon, Director**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA:**

This lease is approved under the authority of a resolution adopted at an official meeting of the Executive Council of Iowa on \_\_\_\_\_, as reflected by the minutes.

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**Victoria Newton**  
**Executive Secretary**



### Exhibit A

Chapter 17 Lease 45-R  
Matteson Marine Service, Inc  
River MM 427.7 S22-T73N-R1W

