RESOLTUION #109-22-87

WHEREAS, Chairman Mike Cotton of the Sabula Waterfront Commission has presented a plan for a proposed sanctuary in Jackson County, Iowa. The proposed sanctuary is 60 acres or more and is situated on a hard surfaced road accessible from highway 64 and 52. The land for the project lies partially in the City of Sabula. The sanctuary requires a coordinated effort by local, county, state and federal agencies for establishment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors that the county board hereby supports the concept of establishing the proposed Sabula Observation Sanctuary.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of April, 1987.

ATTEST:

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SABULA OBSERVATION SANCTUARY

- RED AREA indicates a bird and wildlife sanctuary interlaced with walking trails and viewing sites concealed for observation and photography.
- YELLOW AREA indicates a present cornfield which could be converted to a food field planted in natural sources interspersed with cultivated crop sources.
- BLUE AREA indicates present ponds and marsh which could be improved with minimum effort since the area is fed by small creek.
- 4. ORANGE AREA indicates parking area and/or camping area for sanctuary.
- 5. GREEN AREA indicates proposed refuge boat ramp improvement, but due to the water depth is not feasible for hunting or fishing access except by canoes.
- 6. BROWN AREA indicates a better area for hunting and fishing ramp which could be managed by the City of Sabula reducing maintenance costs for refuge. The area would also help strengthen the flood dike indicated in green and aid in reliefing space problems with existing ramps.
- 7. PURPLE AREA indicates an established cormorant rookery and waterfowl nesting area.
- ADDITIONAL COMMENTS The proposed sanctuary is 60 acres or more and is situated on a hard surfaced road accessible from highway 64 and 52. Since the area lies partial in the City of Sabula, on a county road and within the refuge and ideal cooperative effort could be a show case of coordinated efforts by local, county, state and federal agencies. The overall concept is within the realm of refuge goals of protecting wildlife and exposing the public in an unobstrusive manner. The area offers a cross section of refuge land types, from tall timber to marshland plantlife. Natural and man-made barriers protect all side of the sanctuary.

SUBMITTED BY - MIKE COTTON

JACKSON COUNTY AUDITOR

CHAIRMAN, SABULA WATERFRONT COMM.

T. M. Cotton

ENDORSED BY:

Jackson County Board of Supervisors

