

Winnebago County Conservation Board
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Job Description - Title: Natural Resource Technician

Description of Work Activities:

NRT's will assist the Executive Director and Natural Resource Manager with all aspects of development of county wildlife areas, parks, trails and roadside vegetation. This will include but is not limited to: tree/shrub planting, prairie establishment, performing controlled burns, wetland management, roadside prairie establishment, noxious weed and brush control in road right-of-ways, maintenance of existing grasslands, nest box maintenance, fence construction and removal, park and equipment maintenance.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform daily and routine maintenance on 16-90hp gas and diesel tractors and lawn mowers.
- Maintain detailed daily activities records.
- Operation and maintenance of tractors, trucks, chainsaws, power weed trimmers, grass drills, post-hole augers, sprayers, power tool and hand tools.
- May assist with vegetation control in county roads, wildlife areas, parks and trails.
- Assist with other Conservation Board management activities as directed by the Executive Director and Natural Resource Manager.

Qualifications:

Either be enrolled or have a degree in one of the following fields: natural resource management, wildlife biology, ecology, forestry, agriculture or related field of study. Relevant experience may be considered in place of education. Pesticide Applicator license will be required if assisting with vegetation control in county right-of-ways.

Requirements:

- Self-motivated with the ability to effectively apply knowledge and common sense to solve problems and or achieve work objectives.
- Knowledge of grassland management and native grassland plant i.d.
- Ability to routinely stand, walk, sit, kneel, stoop, balance, climb and operate all hand power tools for extended periods of time.
- Ability to routinely lift 50lbs.
- Ability to follow written and oral instructions.
- Ability to work without supervision on a daily basis.
- Ability to work outdoors in extreme hot, cold, rainy, snowy and windy weather conditions and be exposed to dust, fumes and loud noises.
- The ability to establish and maintain effective rapport with co-workers and the public.
- Must possess a valid Driver's License and maintain an acceptable driving record.

- Knowledge of 16-80 hp tractors and lawn mowing equipment, trucks and small engine power equipment and maintenance.
- The ability to maintain accurate safety, work and equipment maintenance records.
- The requirements and duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of various types of work performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.

Employment Period: **Flexible** – mid-May 2008 (or sooner) – September 2008.
40 hour work week with irregular scheduling and some weekends.

Salary: \$8.25- \$9.50

To Apply: Please send a resume with cover letter and completed employment application to: Winnebago County Conservation Board, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, IA 50436.

Employment applications available at www.winnebagoccb.com, or by calling 1-888-841-8580, 641-565-3390.

Deadline: Open until filled.