

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at the Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Lake & Park. The meeting was called to order by Chair Keenan at 7:03 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Atchison, Keenan, Wacha and Wrage. Also present: Bob Etzel (Staff), Logan Roberts (Staff), Ryan Rieger (Staff), Craig Wise (Staff), Tammy Wise (Human Resources) and Kendall Jordan (Board of Supervisors).

Minutes from the session of March 13th, 2019, were read. It was moved by Wrage, seconded by Wacha to accept the minutes as read, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND			
		Amount of Bill	Category Total
0001-22-6100-100-661			
Salary- Director			
Etzel, Robert	8-Mar-19	2,123.96	
	22-Mar-19	2,123.96	
		4,247.92	4,247.92
0001-22-6100-000-41200			
Postage			
Visa	Us Postal Service, Toledo – Stamps (400)	220.00	220.00
0001-22-6100-000-41400			
Telephone			
Windstream	19Jan19, 484-2231 (office)	78.42	
	19Jan19, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>138.57</u>	
		136.66	136.66
Salary- Main Supervisor		-	
Wise, Craig	8-Mar-19	1,920.80	
	22-Mar-19	1,920.80	
		3,841.60	3,841.60
Salary- Conserv Tech/Park Ranger			
Ryan Rieger	8-Mar-19	1,618.40	
	22-Mar-19	1,618.40	
		3,236.80	3,236.80
Salary- Naturalist/Park Ranger			
Roberts, Logan	8-Mar-19	1,618.40	
	22-Mar-19	1,618.40	
		3,236.80	3,236.80
	TOTAL ALL PAYROLL	10,315.20	
0001-22-6110-000-25050			
Mt Vh- fuel			
Mid Iowa Cooperative	88.9 Gallons Diesel Dyed	201.61	
	89 Gallons #1 Fuel Dyed	235.30	
	193.90 Gallons Gasohol Hwy	<u>360.50</u>	
		797.41	797.41

0001-22-6110-000-29252			
Main & Supplies			
Fisher Trucking	Rock Delivery	2,255.56	
Grainger	Lights & Filters	170.22	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, OCP-West, OCP-East, Residence, Clark Park	172.30	
Tama County Solid Waste Disposal	Landfill Fees- March	49.15	
Ultimate Image	Name Plate Engraving	10.00	
Wise, Craig	Lunch while attending RT0130 training in Ames	9.36	
0001-22-6110-000-29400			
Uniforms			
Ultimate Image	Screen Printed Shirts	94.50	
		3,891.70	3,891.70
0001-22-6110-000-43100			
Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Mar19,		
	Monthly Service Charge	39.00	
	Energy Charge	39.00	
	Aux Meter	561.79	
	Public Buildings	-23.01	
	Auxillary meter	294.79	
	PCA aux meter	-25.23	
	Maintenance light	124.00	
	Security lights	<u>28.00</u>	
		1,527.03	<u>1,527.23</u>
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		20,573.81

Moved by Adolphs, seconded Wacha to approve bills as presented, carried. (All voting aye).

Reports and Correspondence. Maintenance Report Wise updated the Board on work started or completed during March, including snow removal, equipment maintenance and work on the South Loop Campground. Wise and Rieger attended the RT130 Fire Training Refresher Class in Ames./ **Naturalist Report** Roberts shared the environmental education report. March included a well-attended OWLS public program about Archaeology, a public Knee High Naturalist program, a variety of school and community group outreach programs./ **Meetings Attended** Roberts attended Iowa Association of Naturalists Spring Workshop in Polk County the first week of March./ **Fun Night For the Nature Center** Reported that Fun Night went off without a hitch. It is estimated there were 160+ attendees. Etzel is working on financials and will hopefully have report by May meeting./ **Tama County Community Foundation Grant.** Reported by Roberts that the Tama County Community Foundation gave us a generous grant of \$7,000 (our full ask amount) to fund the purchase of materials to create lesson bins aligned with school science standards./ **FY '20 Budget Request** Roberts reported that the budget that was presented to the Board of Supervisors was approved. **South Loop Campground Renovation** Wise reported the Scharnweber is finishing up the waterlines. Once that is done staff will be in contact with Hatch Grading & Contracting to work on the back-in camp pads. Staff can now drive through South Loop. When the barricades are open for the year South Loop will remain closed for camping but North Loop, Camper's Hill and the Beach pads will be ready for campers.

Transition to New Director Roberts began Director duties on April 1 and Roberts and Etzel are working side-by-side in a training capacity until Etzel's retirement date of April 30.

Consider Bid on 1991 International 4900 Dump Truck A bid has been offered for \$2,500 for our International 4900 Dump Truck. Staff feel this offer is as good as we can expect given the truck's condition. It was moved by Wacha, seconded by Adolphs to accept the bid and sell the 1991 International 4900 Dump Truck, carried. (all voting aye).

New Business

Oxbow Bottoms Wildlife Area Inquiry about the recently acquired Oxbow Bottoms Wildlife Area. Etzel reported that the property is currently to wet, and once conditions allow staff will begin on signage installation and Junior Jack is lined up to do the board's portion of the fencing. Etzel reported there has been no progress regarding the ROW agreement sent to Bob McCoy.

It was moved by Wrage, seconded by Adolphs to set a June 1 deadline for the completion of the ROW agreement with McCoy, with a 30-day window following for the McCoy fence portion to be in place (by July 1, weather & moisture conditions dependent at the board's discretion.), carried (All voting aye.)

The board extended their thanks and well wishes to Bob for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Tama County Conservation Board and Otter Creek Lake & Park. Etzel extended his thanks for allowing him to be their director.

After discussion of several conservation topics it was moved by Atchinson, seconded Adolphs to adjourn, carried. (all voting aye) Adjourned 7:53 p.m.

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR