

November 2022

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chair, Wacha.

Board Members present: Adolphs, Atchison, Keenan, Wacha, and Wrage.

Staff Members present: Mayne, Horne, Conrad, Bruck.

Public present: Ruby Boedecker

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the October 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded by Keenan to approve the minutes as recorded, carried, all voting aye.

Approval of Bills

Bills were presented to be paid from the month of September 2022. It was moved by Keenan, seconded by Adolphs to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: N/A

Environmental Education Report: Bruck's report included field trip schedules and planning, public program preparation, classroom program planning, summer day camp planning and live animal care. Her report also included updates on programs performed this month with preschools, schools, and adult centers. In addition, starting in December there will be a new monthly public program for preschoolers at the Toledo Public Library called "Knee High Naturalists". Bruck also attend new employee school, E-Commerce Summit, and NRCS meeting.

Maintenance Report: Horne's reported that they ran fiber into the basement of the Nature Center and into the shop. Horne also said that they rocked the parking lot at Oxbow bottom, mowed parcel tree planting, picked up trash at boat ramps, had the snow blower and cab installed on Kubota, trimmed trees for Rachel along the lake shore and haul roads. He also took the 2020 Ford D's to the dealer to look at the horn and put the plow and spreader on the 2008 Ford Z-line. Lastly, Horne shut off water at T.F. Clarks Park and mowed for the last time.

Park Ranger Report: Conrad's reported that he attended new employee school and E-Commerce Summit. He also pulled tree tubes and mowed in between rows of tree planting. In addition, Conrad helped the conservation tech with all the maintenance jobs.

Director's Report: Mayne's report included attending website meeting with all county heads, meeting about conflict in the work place, IRWC meeting, and attended NCRS meeting.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne informs the board that there has been significant progress on the lake restoration project and the project is approximately a month and half ahead of schedule. In addition, Manye informed the board that Rachel construction will help put in the new 30 inch culvert in the spring. The quote for the culvert materials is \$4,524 plus labor for Rachel construction.

New Business

Allowing Conservation Technician to Drive Park Truck Home Discussion: Many asked the board for approval to allow the Conservation Technician to drive a truck home in order to have them plow T.F. Clarks. This would allow T.F. Clarks Park to stay open to the public this winter.

There was an active discussion between the board members regarding approval to allow the Conservation Technician driving truck home so T.F. Clarks Park could remain open this winter. Adolphs moved for a vote and Keenan seconded, the board voted three in favor (Adolph, Keenan and Wacha) to two opposed (Atchison and Wrage) with the new business passing.

Floor Discussion

Floor Discussion: There was no floor discussion.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Adolph, seconded by Keenan to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Board Chair
Tama County Conservation Board