

January 2023

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Chair, Wrage.

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

Staff Members present: Mayne, Horne, Bruck.

Public present:

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Bills

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

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: N/A

Environmental Education Report: Bruck's report included updates on 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. She informed the board that she is holding another Knee-High Naturalist program at the Toledo Public Library on the first Saturday of January. Bruck also reports that she is in the planning process for School of the Wild, a 5-day field trip with 4th graders from Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community School District which will be held in May.

Maintenance Report: Horne reported that he moved snow from OCLAP, Ike's, and T.F. Clarks. He burned piles, put in the new thermostat RTV, took in the 2020 Ford D's for trailer plugs, and took out the sinks in the shower house. Horne report also included checking out parks and ramps after deer seasons, worked on budget items, serviced generators, checked furnaces before the winter storm. Lastly, his report included putting the snowblower on 4030 and taking the Kubota to be serviced at Lowry's.

Director's Report: Mayne's report included that he finalized the 2023-2024 budget. He also reported getting an extension on the fish habitat grant. Mayne also met with Will McCoid about Boy Scout's helping with the Fun Night Fundraiser and Eagle Scout projects.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne reported that he extended the fish habitat grant to the end of the lake restoration project. Mayne also informed the board that Rachel Contracting will be back in February to dig out the last silt pond and in April to the green work which includes the playground and campground work.

New Business

2023-2024 Budget Discussion: Mayne reviewed with the board the 2023-2024 preliminary budget and he planned to present the finalized budget to the board of supervisors the following week. The budget is

on track to request a 7% increase over the previous year. The 2023-2024 budget approval was motioned by Adolph, seconded by Keenan.

Fun Night Fundraiser: Mayne informed the board that Fun Night Fundraiser planning has started. The Fun Night Fundraiser will be held April 1, 2023.

County Auditor's Report (Discussion): Mayne Informed the board that a board member camped for free which is not allowed by Iowa code. Mayne informed the board that it will not happen in the future and free camping for board members was never a part of Tama County Conservation board member policy. This will be clearly outlined in the board member policy book so that there is no confusion in the future.

Floor Discussion

Floor Discussion: Starting this month, Wrage will assume the role of Chair and Keenan the role of Vice Chair for 2023.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Keenan, seconded by Wacha to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Board Chair
Tama County Conservation Board