

April 2023

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair, Wrage.

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

Staff Members present: Mayne and Horne.

Public present: Delania Halter & The Tama/Toledo Newspaper.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Kenkel, 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 April 2023. It was moved by Adolps, seconded by Wacha to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: N/A

Maintenance Report: Horne reported that he worked on the IRNA woodcutting problem- hang cameras. He also serviced 01 dodge and 08 Ford, he attended a safety meeting and training, he met with new county insurance rep, cleaned up parking lots below N.C., bladed parking lots and roadside going up to N.C., got the 2-mowers ready for summer, removed and serviced put on brush hog and serviced. He trimmed tree limbs wolf creek trail and road edges Clarks Park, started mowing burn breaks for spring burns, turned the water on at Clarks Park, checked camping electrical pedestals Clarks Park, added fish structure to new pond by N.C. (closed structured catching water), attended the Fun Night Fundraiser, and snaked basement N.C. floor drain.

Director's Report: Mayne's report included that he attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor who built the new display cabinets, attended a virtual IRWC Board meeting, attended an informal website meeting, met with the State Conservation Officer with the IRNA woodcutting issue, met with Neapolitan to work on our Conservation page with the County's new website, attended the website kickoff meeting, attended a safety training, picked up donations for the fundraiser, and helped modernize the new implements inside the Nature Center.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne reported that the newly revised contract needed to be approved for him to sign in regard to the changes made to BMP 15's engineering cost share with the Iowa DNR. Kenkel made the motion to approve of the newly revised contract to be signed. Adolps seconded the motion and carried, all voting aye.

Fun Night Fundraiser: Mayne first congratulated Delaina Halter for her hard work with the organization of this past year's Fun Night Fundraiser. Mayne reported on the results to date (pending more incoming donations) not yet accounted for; net income: \$6,900, the silent auction total: \$3,073, online total: \$575, rifle raffle totals: 145 tickets sold, estimated rifle raffle income: \$1,450, monetary donations:

\$500. Mayne also mentioned that the food cost was: \$2,207.11, and other expenses: \$326.88 with a gross total of: \$4,366.01.

New Business

New Lawnmower/Side-by-side/Trailer: Horne mentioned that we are in need of a new lawnmower to replace one of the Kabota mowers. Horne mentioned that the John Deere Z960M ZTrak would work well in the park. Horne also mentioned that the Polaris 1000 Premium-white Lighting would also work well for the seasonals to drive around OCLAP for daily maintenance. After discussion, Keenan made the motion to purchase the two items, the motion was seconded by Adolphs, all voting aye.

After further discussion, Wacha asked if we can get another local bid on a trailer equivalent to the one proposed. This was decided to be tabled and moved to the next board meeting.

Nature Center Outside Side Stairwell: Mayne provided pictures of the existing deck/stairwell located on the northwest side of the Nature Center. Mayne mentioned that a wood chuck has been eating away at the supports and has compromised the structural integrity. Mayne asked the board to remove this structure and replace it with a concrete walkway leading to the emergency exit of the facility. Wacha made the motion, Keenan seconded the motion, all voting aye.

Setting Future Dates for Fall Festival & Fun Night Fundraiser for the Next 5 Years: Mayne presented a 5 year calendar with proposed dates as to when we should host the Fall Festival and Fun Night Fundraiser. By planning this out in advance, will help us prepare months before the event. Kenkel made the motion to approve the future calendar of events, seconded by Keenan, all voting aye.

Quote from Scharnweber: Horne mentioned that the electrical box that powers Camper's Hill was in need of being upgraded. After meeting with Scharnweber's decided to provide power from 12 stalls to 6 stalls. Doing this will help accommodate the larger RV's and will also provide enough power to accommodate 50amp/30amp/25amp of service and water hook-ups. This project can't be completed until the contractor completes the dirt work for the 6 sites. Adolphs made the motion to approve the quote from Scharnwebers totaling \$14,450. The motion was seconded by Kenkel, all voting aye.

Floor Discussion

Floor Discussion: No Floor Discussion.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Adolphs, seconded by Kenkel to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Board Chair
Tama County Conservation Board