

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Chairman Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Atchison, Graff, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of April 2, 2014, were read. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage to accept the minutes as read, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

<b>TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND</b>			
		<b>Amount of Bill</b>	<b>Category Total</b>
<b>0001-22-6100-000-26000</b>			
<b>Office Supplies</b>			
Staples	#7001190931 misc office supplies	114.52	114.52
<b>0001-22-6100-000-29400</b>			
<b>Uniforms</b>			
Carpenter Uniform	#363493 Uniform shirt- Etzel	88.91	88.91
<b>0001-22-6100-000-40000</b>			
<b>Publications &amp; Notices</b>			
Tama/Grundy Publishing	Help wanted ads- Ranger, Conserv Aide 12Mar14	161.10	161.10
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41200</b>			
<b>Postage</b>			
Postmaster	100 stamps @ \$0.49 ea	49.00	49.00
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>			
Verizon	16Apr14, 484-2231 (office)	14.05	
	16Apr14, 484-5314 (shop)	15.00	
	19Apr14, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.86	
Windstream	18Apr14, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	131.47	
	18Apr14, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>56.46</u>	
		232.84	232.84
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor</b>		-	
Wise, Craig	11-Apr-14	1,614.40	
	25-Apr-14	<u>1,614.40</u>	
		3,228.80	3,228.80
<b>0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conserv Tech</b>			
Dolash, Ron	11-Apr-14	1,482.40	
	25-Apr-14	<u>1,482.40</u>	
		2,964.80	2,964.80
<b>0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary- Seasonal</b>			
Bergmann, Sandy	11-Apr-14	73.50	
Gettle, Clayton	11-Apr-14	<u>66.00</u>	
		139.50	139.50
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair</b>			

J&V Auto Parts	#464721 air filter, lamp, fuel treat, ext life	50.40	
	#464951 reflector, bulb (11), lens, Lamp (20, rect bulb (2)	44.02	
	#465062 11.8" black, 8" black, 7.9" black	23.40	
	#465318 Qt ATFFA (120, heater hose	68.82	
	#465935 hy oil, oil fil, SAE15W40	131.67	
Tama Chainsaw & Lawnmower	#372007 filters (4)	<u>22.56</u>	
		340.87	340.87
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Crop Production Services	#23727723 Garlon (5 gals), Pathfinder II (20 gals), Roundup Pro (5), Liberate (5)	1,450.00	
Dolezal farm Supply	#0073516 lawn mix (2)	90.00	
Etzel, Robert	Registration- Dist 1 Mtg- Jasper County (Etzel, Wise)	26.00	
Fastenal	#IAMAR125505 window clnr, deo block, cable ties, Skyper, Disposable cups	77.88	
Grainger	#801293671 wall pack w/lamp, incan bulbs (60W)	175.37	
Hillyard/Des Moines	#600986197 switch, bracket, washer (2)	35.20	
Hrabak Lumber	#0148300-IN hasp (2), pkt of hinges	37.08	
Iowa DOT	#18371 toilet paper, paper towel, truck soap, trash bags- 55 gal (2)	187.71	
Iowa Falls Fire Ext Sales & Service	#1833 ann extinguisher inspect, maintenance	202.24	
Menard's	#57960 faucet, grass seed	151.99	
No Iowa Construction Products	#CF-13946 8' x 90' curlex, staples	680.00	
Paul's Ace Hardware	#002578 paint; #002502 battery, wire brush, grass seed	136.41	
Poweshiek water Assoc	Water, OCP- West 21Apr14 meter read, Prev: 484K, Current: 511K, Used: 27K	169.50	
	Water, OCP- East 21Apr14 meter read, Prev: 275K, Current: 277K, Used: 2K	43.00	
	Water, TF Clark Park 21Apr14, meter read, Prev: 11K, Current: 11K, Used:0 K	35.00	
Premier Office Supply	#1068715 Premier Platinum Plan, Sharp AR-651 copier through 27May14	48.00	
RC Systems	#3857 file for renewal FCC license (radios)	50.00	
Scharnweber Water Cond., Inc.	16 & 28 Apr PVC pipe, pump septic tanks (trailer res. & Nature Center)	526.60	
Schendel Pest Control	#01-0161039 quarterly pest control, #01-0161038 initial service	140.00	
Tama County Solid Waste	Land fill fees- March & April	59.50	
Ternus Electric	#31312 replace jet pump at dump station	388.61	
Timber Mgmt	#097492 5' vented tree shelters (100), 5' bamboo stakes (100)	430.00	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B152313 re-bar 3/8 x 48	<u>45.36</u>	
		5,185.45	5,185.45
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29400 Uniforms</b>			
Carpenter Uniform	#363493 Uniform shirts- Bergamann, Strellner, Wise	223.96	
Wise, Craig	Pants, belt	<u>40.64</u>	

		264.60	264.60
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity</b>			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Apr14, 8,514 kwh- meter #1, 8,046 kwh- NC	1,579.52	1,579.52
<b>0001-22-6110-000-44720 General Basic FEMA 2013</b>			
Schade Lime & Rock, Inc	Trucking- Lomg Pt, McCoy, Duffus & OCP (15% county share)	155.42	
Wendling Quarries	#543568,544391 rd stone to boat landings (15% county share)	<u>224.74</u>	
		380.16	380.16
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>		<b>\$ 14,349.91</b>
<b>FROM NATURE CENTER TRUST</b>			
<b>0031-22-6120-000-29272 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Des Moines YMCA Camp	28Apr14 4th grade field day- pay for Naturalists, 66 students @ \$10 ea	660.00	
Earthday Shirts	Misc shirts for Fun Night fundraiser	<u>242.40</u>	
		902.40	
<b>0031-22-6120-000-29672 Art Supplies</b>			
OMP	#30238 items for Fun Night- remaining balance	161.60	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust</b>		<b>\$ 1,064.00</b>
<b>FROM LAD Account</b>			
<b>0027-22-0210-000-60000 LAD Account- Capital Projects</b>			
Wobeter, Rob	#A131003C Appraisal- Salt Creek Mitigation	1,250.00	
<b>0027-22-0210-000-44720 LAD Account FEMA 2013 Disaster</b>			
Schade Lime & Rock, Inc	Trucking- Lomg Pt, McCoy, Duffus & OCP (85% Fed & State share)	880.67	
Wendling Quarries	#543568,544391 rd stone for boat landings & OCP (85% Fed & State share)	<u>1,273.50</u>	
		2,154.17	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account</b>		<b>\$ 3,404.17</b>
	<b>Total All Bills Submitted</b>		<b>\$ 18,818.08</b>

Moved by Wrage, seconded Atchison to approve bills, carried. (All voting aye).

**Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report** Wise reported on work started or completed during April including burn CRP buffers, set water control structures, fix culvert washout, fix silt fence in wetland mitigation site, T-dock in lake, open TF Clark Park, Blad & Rock boat ramps, open camgrounds, other amenities at Otter Creek Park, chairs and planters placed out at Nature Center, beach ropes in, work on autumn olive removal (wetland- Parcel B/C)/**Environmental Education-** Etzel reported that 66 fourth grade students from Dysart Elementary and North Tama attended the 4<sup>th</sup> grade field day. Due to lousy weather the event was successfully based at the Nature Center with excursions out into the weather as conditions allowed. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field day is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, and the North Tama 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be visiting the Nature Center on May 12./ **Kayak Demo day** is to be held at Otter Creek Park on Saturday May 10. This has been a popular activity providing a chance for the general public to try out different types of kayaks at no cost. The kayaks and gear are provided by Crowdaddy Outdoors, Waverly./**Ike's Tract** Etzel reported on several items at Ike's Tract. (1) Property Transfer- the warranty deed transferred ownership of the tract

from Izaak Walton League of America to Tama County on May 2. (2) Authorized shooters at facility- It was reported that 112 people are authorized to shoot at the facility.(3) Problems- Reports of two unauthorized shooters using the facility during April were received./ **Salt Creek Mitigation Acquisition** The appraisal was accepted by the DNR to allow process to continue./**Wolf Creek Trail/FEMA** Discussion continues with FEMA to try and finalize the agreement for the repair of the trail./ **Youth Fishing Seminar** The annual Youth Fishing Seminar will be held at Otter Creek Lake and Park on Thurs., 19Jun14, from 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m..

**Diorama Grand Opening/ 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** The Conservation Board discussed the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which is planned for the Nature Center on Sunday, June 8. Due to difficulty in arranging presenters for that date the board was in agreement the event should be postponed until late September or early October.

**Staffing** The Board discussed further the failure to add a Park Ranger/Naturalist position for FY '15 and the existing need for that person. With additional acres to manage and maintain and the developed Nature Center it has been apparent for several years that a staff person is sorely needed. The Board hopes to be able to work with the Supervisors to see this become a reality.

**Crop Rental** Etzel reported that crop lease payments have been received for 2014. Receipts received were as follows:

Hansen- Parcel B	\$4,725.00
Hansen- Parcel C	\$9,000.00
Reinig Tract	\$8,325.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,050.00</b>

After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Atchison to request the Supervisors place the \$22,050 into the LAD Account to help support continuing project work, carried. (all voting aye)

**Construction Projects** The Board discussed projects that will need to be addressed. The following projects are targeted for FY '14 and FY '15.

Location	Project	Projected cost
Otter Creek Park (OCP)	Repair asphalt road-splice in repairs and chip seal	\$18,000
OCP	Replace picnic pads	\$7,500
OCP	Handicap parking and access to picnic point	\$10,000
OCP	Camper's Hill restroom- repair or replace	\$30,000
OCP	Nature Center- new fascia and install new gutter system east wing of building	\$5,000
OCP	North wetland- repairs needed	\$7,500
Funds for "silt project related work"- Otter Creek Lake	Annual deposit at end of each fiscal year \$14,400	\$28,800
Reinig Tract	Wetland construction	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$131,800</b>

The Board instructed Etzel to begin lining up contractors to do the work.

**Bequest** Etzel shared with the Board that initial notice had been received that a bequest left to the Nature Center project is going through the final stages of approval. The exact terms of the bequest have not been received but it appears the funds may be used to retire any debt of the nature center or for future improvements of the nature center.

The Board discussed the long term vision and generosity of the person who included the Nature Center project in their estate planning many years ago.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it moved by Wrage, seconded Graff to adjourn, carried. Adjourned 8:15 p.m..

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