

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 2, 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, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of March 5, 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:

TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND		Amount of Bill	Category Total
0001-22-6100-000-26000 Office Supplies			
Staples Credit Plan	#7001145675 Toner (black, yellow, cyan), printer paper (1/2 cs)	123.98	123.98
0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage			
Etzel, Robert	as per one (1) receipt	9.80	9.80
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Verizon	16Mar14, 484-2231 (office)	14.18	
	19Mar14, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.79	
	16Mar14, 484-5314 (shop)	15.04	
Windstream	19Feb13, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	131.65	
	19Feb13, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>56.43</u>	
0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction			
Tama Co Nature Center Trust	19Mar14 Registration- CCPOA workshop Bergmann, Etzel	20.00	20.00
0001-6110-101-22-223			
Wise, Craig	14-Mar-14	1,614.40	
	28-Mar-14	<u>1,614.40</u>	
		3,228.80	3,228.80
0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary			
Dolash, Ron	14-Mar-14	1,482.40	
	28-Mar-14	<u>1,482.00</u>	
		2,964.40	2,964.40
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Chyma's Machine & Welding Shop	#31903 weld table leg	20.00	
Dolezal Farm Supply	#0071909 posts (25) @ \$1.50 ea	37.50	
Fareway	#15 CCPOA Workshop- milk, juice, paper products	54.11	
Hrabak Lumber	#0147103-IN, #0075142 hasp (2), hinges (2)	73.56	
IACCBE	Lodging- Winterfest Etzel two nights	145.50	
Paul's Ace Hardware	#002390 battery (2), concrete fastset 50#, fasteners (4)	21.08	
Poweshiek water Assoc	Water, OCP- West 20Mar13 meter read, Prev: 226K, Current: 239K, Used: 13K	145.50	
	Water, OCP- East 20Mar13 meter read, Prev: 202K, Current: 203K, Used: 1 K	38.50	

	Water, TF Clark Park 20Mar13 meter read, Prev: 9K, Current: 9K, Used:0 K	35.00	
Premier Office Equip. Inc.	#01031689 Premier Platinum Plan, Sharp AR-651 copier through 27Mar14	48.00	
	#1049760 Premier Platinum Plan, Sharp AR-651 copier through 27Apr14	54.66	
Schendel Pest Control	#01-0161039 pest control- NC	60.00	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	#2689781 stain (4), #2689794 PVC pipe, nuts, washers, etc.,#2689795 credit	145.82	
Thomas Co., Inc.	#3085104 boiler furnace repair- main res	130.00	
Ultimate Image	#975 nameplates (Graff, McCool) for NC	10.00	
		1,019.23	1,019.23
0001-22-6110-000-43100			
Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Mar14, 9,431 kwh- meter #1, 9,709 kwh- NC	1,781.28	1,781.28
Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget			9,147.49
FROM NATURE CENTER TRUST			
0031-22-6120-000-29272			
Main & Supplies			
Etzel, Robert	CCPOA workshop (Casey's) donuts, Gaming License- Fun Night	79.92	
My Mother's Place	Fun Nite (29Mar14), 180 meals @ \$8.75/meal	1,575.00	
	CCPOA workshop, 61 meals @ \$8.50 ea	518.50	
Linda Nebbe	Honorarium- Fun Night presentation	200.00	
		2,373.42	2,373.42
0031-22-6120-000-29672			
Art Supplies			
OMP	#30238 items for Fun Night	601.58	
Wild Wings	#260091,#260345,#260246,#260185,#260918 Items for Fun Night	1,434.55	
		2,036.13	2,036.13
Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust			\$ 4,409.55
Total All Bills Submitted			\$13,557.04

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

Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report Wise reported on work started or completed during March including remove electric & interior components of old restroom located near boat ramp, stain signs and re-letter, replace boat house insulation in ceiling, open the kiosk for the warm season, Fun Night preparation, open Hladik Roadside park, set up purple martin houses, pull snow blower from mowing unit, re-set McCoy Landing sign, drop thirteen dead/hazard trees at OCP/ **CCPOA Training Workshop** Etzel reported that sixty-one officers attended the training on Wednesday, March 19./**Fun Night for the Nature Center** Fun Night was considered a success with nearly 180 in attendance. The program was appreciated. Etzel reported that the auctions grossed \$6,104. A final report for Fun Night will be presented at the May board meeting./ **Watershed Management Plan Committee** It is hoped a plan will be copied and ready for presentation by early fall./ **Iowa Rivers Revival Training** Etzel shared information regarding training provided concerning the Iowa River watershed. Registration deadline is April 15./**Wolf Creek Trail/FEMA** Discussion continues on tying down the language on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Project Worksheet for the project. It is hoped this will

be wrapped up in the next week or so./**Manatt's Landing Lease Agreement** The lease has been signed and recorded./ **Ike's Tract** A sign-up meeting for shooters new to the facility will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Nature Center. Relative to the property transfer, signed documents from the IWLA are still pending.

Diorama Grand Opening/ 55th Anniversary Celebration The Conservation Board discussed ideas for the 55th Anniversary celebration planned for the Nature Center on Sunday, June 8. Possible exhibits/presenters were discussed. Board members were to speak with potential additions to the event.

Policy- Use of Metal detectors Etzel presented to the Board a possible policy regarding use of metal detectors at Otter Creek Lake and Park. Etzel felt some policy is needed to be consistent with persons wishing to metal detect at the facility. The policy presented is based upon the existing policy for State Parks.

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.

Tama County Community Foundation Etzel presented a "terms of grant" to the Conservation Board for their consideration. The TCCF has awarded a grant of \$7,000 to be used to help finance Phase II- Design Component-Tama County Nature Center. An awards ceremony is planned at the Nature Center on April 16.

After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage to accept the terms of grant with the Tama County Community Foundation for Grant #20140521 in the amount of \$7,000, carried. (all voting aye)

Conservation Corps of Iowa Etzel presented a "fee-for-service" agreement to hire contract the services of a five member crew of the Conservation Corps of Iowa to perform removal of autumn olive on the west side of the park. The crew will work 10 hour days for three days at a cost of \$2,925. The crew will camp in the tent section of the park while working at the facility. The crew will be coming to the park the week of June 9.

Firewood Processor Luke Squiers, Tama, had contacted the board regarding a piece of equipment that he had acquired. The firewood processor is a diesel powered unit that cuts logs and splits the wood for firewood. It can handle logs up to twenty feet in length. For a fee of \$90 per hour the unit can cut/split up to six pickup loads per hour. The CCB would have to provide a tractor and operator plus staff to load the split wood as it is generated. Also the CCB would have to locate the wood and drag it to a staging area prior to splitting.

Discussion ensued relative to this being a possible option to meet the buy local, burn local firewood policy in affect at facilities of the Tama County Conservation Board to slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer. Any decision has been tabled due to inadequate staff to perform this type of work at this time.
After discussion of assorted conservation topics it moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs to adjourn, carried. Adjourned 8:25 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR