

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Chairman Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Atchison, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of November 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
0001-22-6100-100-661 Salary- Director			
Etzel, Robert	21Nov14 Monthly salary for November	4,026.33	4,026.33
0001-22-6100-000-40000 Publications & Notices			
Tama/Grundy Publishing	Ad- 55th Anniversary Celebration Oct 1, 2014	105.84	105.84
0001-22-6100-000-41300 Employee Mileage			
Adolphs, Carolyn	For 2014, 672 mi @ \$0.45/mi	302.40	
Atchison, Allan	For 2014, 180 mi @ \$0.45/mi	81.00	
Graff, Ellen	For 2014, 189 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	85.05	
Keenan, John	For 2014, 153 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	68.85	
Wrage, Nathan	For 2014, 504 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	<u>226.80</u>	
		764.10	764.10
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Verizon	16Nov14, 484-2231 (office)	15.75	
	19Nov14, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.75	
	16Nov14, 484-5314 (shop)	15.12	
Windstream	19Nov14, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 payphone	133.70	
	19Nov14, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>57.56</u>	
		237.88	237.88
0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction			
IACCBE	Winterfest registration: Dolash, Etzel, Wise	275.00	275.00
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor			
Wise, Craig	7-Nov-14	1646.40	
	21-Nov-14	<u>1646.40</u>	
		3292.80	3,292.80
0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conservation Tech			
Dolash, Ron	7-Nov-14	1511.20	
	21-Nov-14	<u>1511.20</u>	
		3022.40	3,022.40
0001-22-6110-000-25350 Mt Veh- tires			
Z Line Tire & Repair	# 01-94597 tire repair (3)	42.06	42.06

0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
J&V Auto Parts	#473615 JB Weld	5.99	5.99
0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools			
Paul's Ace Hardware	#003925 alum pusher 30"	42.99	42.99
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Blink's Electric Motors, Inc.	#59184 keyed switch (on/off)	36.00	
Crescent Electric	#044-336197-00 putty tape (2), insul serv entr (4), compression sleeve (3)	29.63	
Dolezal Farm Supply	#0079698 black sunflower seed, cracked corn for NC	25.00	
Hrabak Lumber	#0153248-IN misc lumber, #0153328-IN lumber, credit memo	8.14	
Menard's	#79113 CO/gas detector for main residence, battery	61.96	
Paul's Ace Hardware	#003954 battery, fender wash, flat washers, bolts, strap, fasteners	50.19	
	#003925 trash can- galv (2), discount	48.98	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, OCP- West for Oct/Nov, Prev: 683K, Current: 710K, Used: 27K	169.50	
	Water, OCP- East for Oct/Nov, Prev: 324K, Current: 324K, Used: 0K	35.00	
Scharnweber Water Cond.	27Oct14 Replace hydrant (north loop)	578.40	
Schendel Pest Control	#01-0171132 Quarterly pest control (NC)	60.00	
Tama County Solid Waste	30Sep14 Landfill fees- Nov	<u>57.50</u>	
		1160.30	1,160.30
0001-22-6110-000-43000 LP gas	Pre-paid LP purchase, Ticket #18438, 28Jan14		
	1100 gals LP @ \$1.659/gal = \$1,824.90, LPER = \$5.50, HAZ = \$9.90		
	Shop= 600 gals, Main residence = 300 gals, wood shed = 200 gals		
	Begin Bal = \$4,850.03, Current bal = \$3,009.73		
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Nov14, 9,413 KWH- meter #1, 1,807 KWH- (NC)	1237.48	
Traer Municipal Utilities	TFCP thru 11Nov14, 198 KWH	<u>77.00</u>	
		1314.48	1,314.48
0001-22-0210-000-61094 Bldgs & Perm Imp			
Wendling Quarries	#576979 165.2T Class E rip-rap @ \$24.50/T, 2014 flood damage- Manatt's Landing	4065.05	<u>4,065.05</u>
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		18,355.22
From LAD Account			
0027-22-0210-000-60000 LAD Account- Capital Projects			
Ion Exchange Inc.	#00015540 50% of cost for pollinator mix- Parcel B, Hansen- 9 acres @ \$480/acre	2,160.00	
Kenkel Trust Account	Salt Creek Mitigation LLC acquisition- WHSF Grant #13-09W	70,000.00	
Manatt's Inc	#754921 2 CY concrete (Ike's); #747612 0.93T confill (Ike's)	221.89	

Schade Lime & Rock Inc.	3Nov14 Trucking 31.12T 1x3 Macadam- Ike's- parking lot extension		
	Tickets #3040079, 3040091	186.72	
Timber Mgmt LLC	#097592 50% payment for seed for direct seeding- Parcel C, Hansen- 10 acres	1,778.13	
Wendling Quarries Inc.	#577471 174.29 T Class E rip-rap to OCP, Fish Habitat Grant #13-06F	4,270.12	
	#576220 31.12T 1" x 3" Macadam- Ike's- parking lot extension	<u>323.65</u>	
		78,940.51	
Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account			<u>78,940.51</u>
Total All Bills Submitted			<u>97,295.73</u>

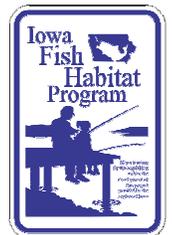
Moved by Atchison, seconded Adolphs to approve bills, carried. (All voting aye).

Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report Wise reported on work started or completed during November including **Otter Creek Park- (does not include normal ongoing maintenance)** organize scrap metal to recycle, **Winter shut down-** snow fence installed, electricity shut down on west and east side of park, clean fire rings, repair trash can lids, replace dilapidated trash cans, repair picnic tables, close dump station and fish cleaning station, **General Maintenance** put chains on grader, patch holes in box of dump truck, Close down TF Clark Park/ **IWill Initiative (Iowa's Natural**



Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund) Etzel shared information and talking points regarding the push to get funding for the Iowa's Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. The IWill Initiative passed with 63% approval at the 2010 general election establishing the trust fund however to date it has not been funded. The first 3/8 of a cent in any future increase in sales tax will fund the Trust by an estimated \$150 - \$180 million dollars. Etzel pointed out the Trust fund would benefit county conservation in many ways but most noticeable would be full funding of REAP which would generate an additional \$10,000 or more for Tama County./ **Salt**

Creek Mitigation Acquisition Etzel updated the Board members on progress being made on the acquisition of the Salt Creek Mitigation LLC property in Section 26, York Township. An Offer to Buy document was signed by Chairman Keenan./ **Manatt's Landing Repair** Loren Dostal has completed the repair of the damage caused by flooding during 2014. 165.2 T rip-rap was hauled and placed along approximately fifty feet of river bank downstream of the boat ramp./ **Hansen Addition- Planting Projects** Etzel reported the arctic air that swept into Tama County in early November set back the two planting projects scheduled for this fall. The direct seeding of hardwood trees on ten acres in Parcel C has been postponed. The seed is being stored by the seller in cool, damp storage. It is anticipated this planting will occur as early in the spring as the soil allows. The nine acre pollinator planting that was scheduled for a dormant seeding in Parcel B has been postponed pending proper conditions. The arctic air formed early frost in the soil making the critical 1/4" deep planting an impossibility. It is hoped the tract can be planted next week if conditions allow./ **Wolf Creek Trail Repair** A time extension request has been filed with Iowa Homeland Security. The request was to extend the deadline from January 2, 2015, to November 27, 2015./ **Fish Habitat Grant #13-06F** Dostal Construction has hauled 175 T of rip-rap to four locations on the Otter Creek Lake shoreline. He will be completing the placement of the rip-rap sometime in the next two weeks. This armoring project will protect approximately 625' of shoreline. The project is being funded through the Fish Habitat Stamp Grant program which will fund 90% of the cost of the project. The \$11,697 project will cost the county \$1,170./ **Otter Creek Lake Watershed Management Plan** Work continues on the plan. The work team will be meeting on Friday to discuss work needed to complete the plan. It is hoped the plan will be completed sometime during 2015.



Staffing needs Etzel reported to the Board regarding the distribution of Naturalist or Environmental Education staff on County Conservation Boards across the state. There are currently 108 staff dedicated to environmental education in 81 of the 99 counties in Iowa. Of the eighteen counties that do not have environmental education staff sixteen of the counties have less than 10,000 population. The remaining two that do not are Tama (17,767) and Poweshiek (18,914). Many of these counties of less than 10,000 population may only have one staff person or very small and mainly seasonal staff.

Of the seven counties surrounding Tama County all but Poweshiek have staff that are dedicated at least in part to environmental education outreach. Three of those seven counties have more than one full time environmental education person on staff: Benton (2), Black Hawk (5), and Jasper (2).

County Conservation Boards are the leader in environmental education in the state with the largest number of staff generating educational opportunities that benefit their residents and visitors. These programs are of significant value to the children, families and adults of our counties and are significant contributors to quality of life issues.

There remains a serious need to add a Park Ranger/Naturalist position. 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.

2015 Camp Fee Rates The Board reviewed reports on camp fees charged during 2013 for counties in District 1 (central Iowa) and the historical record of camp fees at Otter Creek Lake and Park since 1980. Board members felt that since the rates were increased for 2014 and Tama County fits in the basic range of other District 1 counties that perhaps leaving the fees at the same level would be prudent. After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Atchison to keep camp fees at the 2014 rates for the 2015 camp season, carried. (All voting aye)



Election of Officers The Board discussed officers for calendar year 2015. After short discussion it was moved by Adolphs, second Atchison that Nathan Wrage serve as Chairman for 2015, carried. (All voting aye)

It was moved by Wrage, seconded Atchison that Carolyn Adolphs serve as Vice-chair for 2015, carried. (All voting aye)

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Atchison, seconded Adolphs to adjourn, carried. Adjourned 8:35 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR