

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, March 5, 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 February 5, 2014, were read. It was moved by Wrage, seconded Atchison 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 Contract & Commercial	#7001066773 toner for printer, preink stamp refill, self laminate cards, business cards	227.62	227.62
0001-22-6100-000-26100 Books, Mags			
Tama Toledo Newspapers	1 yr subscription- Tama-Toledo Newspapers	55.00	55.00
0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage			
Etzel, Robert	As per two (2) receipts	0.84	
USPS	300- \$0.49 stamps	147.00	
		147.84	147.84
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Verizon	16Feb13, 484-2231 (office)	14.49	
	19Feb13, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.76	
	16Feb13, 484-5314 (shop)	15.09	
Windstream	18Feb13, 484-5314 (shop)	56.67	
	18Feb13, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	131.21	
		233.22	233.22
0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction			
Tama County Nature Center Trust	CCPOA Training- Regis- Etzel, Wise @ \$10 ea x 2, Bergmann \$25 19Mar14	45.00	
ISAC	#35107 Spring School of Instruction Etzel	140.00	
		185.00	185.00
0001-22-6100-000-48000 Dues, Membership			
CCDA	Dues for Spring 2014- 2015	40.00	40.00
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor			
Wise, Craig	14-Feb-14	1,614.40	
	28-Feb-14	1,614.40	
		3,228.80	3,228.80
0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conservation Tech.			
Dolash, Ron	14-Feb-14	1,482.40	
	28-Feb-14	1,482.40	

		2,964.80	2,964.80
0001-22-6110-000-25050 Mt Veh- fuel			
New Century FS, Inc.	27Jan14, #004857 Unleaded gas 264.8 gals @ \$2.5603/gl	677.97	
	FET (LUST)	0.26	
	State Motor Fuel Tax @ \$0.19 per gal	50.31	
	Hazmat handling fee	2.38	
	27Jan14, #004858 DXGLD ULSD 15 PPM 63.7 gals @ \$3.0368 per gl	193.44	
	FET (LUST)	0.06	
	Hazmat handling fee	0.57	
	Sure flo IV 265 gl	9.00	
	27Jan14 #004859 #1 ULS Dyed 15 PPM 59 gals @ \$3.0368 per gl	179.17	
	FET (LUST)	0.06	
	Hazmat handling fee	0.53	
		1,113.22	1,113.22
0001-22-6110-22-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
D's Auto & Truck Inc	#86384 remove & install trans- '96 Chevy PU K2500	2,004.30	
J&V Auto	#463326 tape; #462595 seat cover, dist cap, dist rotor, trans fix	106.35	
		2,110.65	2,110.65
0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools			
Paul's Ace Hardware	#02275 drill bits, microfiber mop	30.04	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B150088 spackling knife;#B150060 2- 3/4" chisel; #B150128 3/8" drill bit	35.97	
		66.01	66.01
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Etzel, Robert	Window fil & more- blackout overlay for NC diorama entry doors	56.98	
Fareway	#41 coffee	7.99	
Grainger	#801293671 fluorescent lamps (45)	197.25	
Paul's Ace Hardware	#002311 elbow, pipe, fasteners; #002275 blades, filter, caulk	57.01	
Museum Professionals, Inc.	#817 diorama repair- rodent damage, travel expenses	150.00	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, OCP- West, 19Feb14 meter read, Prev: 439K, Cur: 461K, Used: 22K	141.00	
	Water, OCP- East, 19Feb14 meter read, Prev: 272K, Cur: 274K, Used:2 K	42.00	
RC Systems	#088098 Service NC Alarm panel, batteries (2), tech service, mileage	342.86	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	#2689647 misc lumber, bolts, washers, nuts- picnic table repair	146.74	
Stein-Hrabak Floor Coverings	#1382 stair tred, adhesive, nose caulk	143.97	
Tama County Solid Waste	28Feb14 Landfill fees- February	13.00	
Thomas Co, LTD	#08852 refrigerator handle assembly (NC)	70.29	

Wilkerson Hardware	#B149504 fasteners (20); #B150088 alcohol, flapper;#B150089 kerosene;#B150128 misc	82.80	
Wise, Craig	21Jan14 meal while attending Winterfest	10.00	
		1,461.89	1,461.89
0001-22-6110-000-43100			
Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Feb14, 9,736 KWH- meter #1,	988.41	
	11,444 kwh- meter #2 (NC)	785.06	
	Security light charge	156.00	
		1929.47	1,929.47
Total Bills Submitted, General Fund			13,763.52
TO BE PAID FROM NATURE CTR TRUST			
0031-22-6120-000-29672 Art Supplies			
Larry Zach Wildlife Art	#56303 Sportsman Dream (framed), Oakridge Monarch (framed)	228.00	
Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust			228.00
To be paid from LAD Account			
0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital projects			
Tri-State Lock Service	#29143 160 keys- Ike's Tract, re-key padlock	810.00	
Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account			810.00
Total All Bills Submitted			\$14,801.52

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

Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report Wise reported on work started or completed during February including moving snow, repair picnic tables, repair stair tread (NC), install tinting on entry doors to the diorama, deliver barrels to North Tama and two to South Tama (5th Grade Field Day), replace refrigerator handle (NC)./ **CCPOA Training Workshop** Etzel reminded the Board that the Eastern Regional training workshop for CCPOA (County Conservation Peace Officer Association) will be held at the Tama County Nature Center on Wednesday, March 19./**Fun Night for the Nature Center** The annual Nature Center fundraiser is slated for Saturday evening, March 29. Linda Nebbe, Black Hawk Wildlife Rehabilitation Project will speak at the event. Marv & Nancy Boldt will handle the auctions. Ticket price is \$15 for adults./**Tama County STEM Festival** The 2nd annual STEM festival is scheduled for North Tama High School on Sunday, March 30, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.. Mike Havlik will not be able to participate this year./**Emerald Ash Borer Meeting** An informational meeting will be held at the Marshalltown Library on March 20./ **Watershed Management Plan Committee** will meet on March 10./ **Iowa Rivers Revival Training** Etzel shared information regarding training provided concerning the Iowa River watershed. Registration deadline is April 15./**Manatt's Landing Lease Agreement** Lease is currently being recorded../**Ike's Re-authorization Meetings** Re-authorization signup meetings held on February 23 and 27 saw seventy-four people sign up to continue shooting at the facility. That is only 54% of the 138 shooters using the facility during 2013. Etzel will provide times to sign up on March 6 and March 11. Starting April 1 active shooters during 2013 will be able to become reauthorized by mail./ **Weather Spotter Training** A Weather Spotter Training is being held at the Tama County Nature Center on March 18, from 6:30 p.m.. to 8:30 p.m..The training is being offered to any interested person free of charge by Tama County EMS.

Diorama Grand Opening/ 55th Anniversary Celebration The Board discussed the diorama grand opening. Etzel pointed out that 2014 also marks the 55th anniversary of the Tama County Conservation Board. In light of that he suggested that the grand opening of the diorama be part of a bigger event commemorating the 55th Anniversary.

Etzel shared with the Board what was done for the 40th Anniversary and suggested that a similar family friendly day be planned. At the 40th anniversary there were multiple things going on during the afternoon including DNR demonstration of their goose netting cannon, Hinegardner Fish Hatchery releasing walleye fingerlings into the lake, boat tours of the lake, dog field trial demonstration, horse drawn wagon rides, bb gun shoot, buck-skinner encampment among other things.

Board members brainstormed possible contacts and activities that could be included.

After discussion the Board decided the event should be held on Sunday afternoon, June 8. Actual times will be determined at a later date.

Bids- Pickup The Board discussed prices for a new pickup for the conservation fleet. A bid was received from Thys Automotive Group and the state bid price list was also considered. The following was considered:

Thys Automotive Group	'14 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, 4WD, reg cab and full box	\$29,000.00
Ames Ford Lincoln (State bid price)	'14 Ford F150, 4WD, std cab, longbox	\$21,009.00

After discussion it was moved by Graff, seconded Atchison to acquire the 2014 Ford F150, 4WD, regular cab with long box for \$21,009, carried. (All voting aye)

Staffing The Board discussed the failure to add a Park Ranger/Naturalist position for FY '15. They are disappointed this didn't come to fruition during discussions with the Supervisors. The conservation board members signed a letter addressed to the Supervisors asking for their support in continuing to explore ways to make the staff addition a reality.

Wolf Creek Trail Etzel relayed to the board information on progress being made with FEMA representatives relative to the repairs needed on Wolf Creek Trail, located near Gladbrook. Significant damage to the trail occurred during the flooding episodes during 2013. He felt that in the near future the project worksheet and mitigation proposals being generated by FEMA will be satisfactory to begin preparation for plan generation, going to bid, and awarding the bid for the repair work.

Mike Bearden, Clapsaddle-Garber, addressed the Board on what engineering services will be needed prior to the trail's repair is complete. The following breakdown of fees was presented:

Design Phase	\$22,500.00
Bidding Phase Coordination	\$6,350.00
Construction Phase Management and Documentation	\$20,850.00
Total	\$49,700.00

Etzel reminded the Board that FEMA and state combined will cover 85% of the cost of the project bringing the cost to the Conservation Board for engineering projected at \$7,455.

The Board discussed the over-all cost to the county to repair the trail could run between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Board members are very concerned on the cost to the county to repair damage to the trail following the 2008 disaster coupled with the cost to repair damages incurred during 2013.

Mitigation proposals being considered by FEMA will seek to alleviate some of the damage caused by flooding in two areas of the trail hit hard in 2008 and 2013. Being proposed is a low water crossing west of C Ave and protection of the asphalt trail near the trailhead in Gladbrook.

The Board feels it is not realistic to continue investing significant county dollars every few years for trail repair following flooding events. They feel alternative sources of funding for future incidents should be pursued. This could possibly include seeking investment by local trail users and entities in the Gladbrook area. After considerable discussion it was reluctantly moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs to secure the services of Clapsaddle-Garber to guide the project through the design, bidding and construction phases on the project **IF and WHEN** a project worksheet and hazard mitigation plan acceptable to the conservation board can be generated by FEMA, carried. (Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Graff- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye)

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it moved by Graff, seconded Wrage to adjourn, carried. Adjourned 9:05 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR