

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

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

Minutes from the regular session of November 4, were read. It was moved by Graff, 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
0001-22-6100-100-661 Salary- Director			
Etzel, Robert	6-Nov-15	1,977.58	
	20-Nov-15	<u>1,977.58</u>	
		3,955.16	3,955.16
0001-22-6100-000-26000 Office Supplies			
Staples		76.50	76.50
0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage			
Etzel, Robert	As per four receipts	14.00	14.00
0001-22-6100-000-41300 Employee Mileage			
Adolphs, Carolyn	For 2015, 616 mi @ \$0.45/mi	277.20	
Atchison, Allan	For 2015, 195 mi @ \$0.45/mi	87.75	
Graff, Ellen	For 2015, 297. mi @ \$0.45 per mi	133.65	
Keenan, John	For 2015, 170 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	76.50	
Wrage, Nathan	For 2015, 546 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	<u>245.70</u>	
		820.80	820.80
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Verizon	16Nov15, 484-2231 (office)		
	19Nov15, 484-4157 (payphone)		
	16Nov15, 484-5314 (shop)	15.20	
Windstream	19Nov15, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 payphone	136.59	
	19Nov15, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>58.38</u>	
		210.17	210.17
0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction			
IACCBE	Winterfest registration: Anderson, Etzel, Wise	285.00	285.00
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor			
Wise, Craig	6-Nov-15	1699.20	
	20-Nov-15	<u>1699.20</u>	
		3398.40	3,398.40

Salary- Naturalist/Park Ranger			
Anderson, Chris	6-Nov-15	1,384.80	
	20-Nov-15	<u>1,384.80</u>	
		2,769.60	2,769.60
0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conservation Tech			
Dolash, Ron	6-Nov-15	1556.00	
	20-Nov-15	<u>1556.00</u>	
		3112.00	3,112.00
0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary			
Filloon, Jeff	6-Nov-15	1,099.00	1,099.00
	TOTAL ALL MAINTENANCE PAYROLL	10,379.00	
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
Central Iowa Farm Store	#15525M 2013 Kubota F3680 repair	857.44	
Thompson Truck & Trailer, Inc.	#X102022166:01 muffler and muffler supports (2)	<u>355.25</u>	
		1212.69	1,212.69
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Allen, Jim	#0081760 re-imburse materials purchased to rebuild target holders	18.02	
Cooley Pumping LLC	#53308 Ike's 30Oct- 26Nov15 one porta potty @ \$80 ea	80.00	
Etzel, Robert	18 & 19Nov15= parking while attending ISAC- Cedar Rapids	6.75	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, OCP- West for Oct/Nov, Prev: 1073K, Current: 1148K, Used: 75K	333.10	
	Water, OCP- East for Oct/Nov, Prev: 471K, Current: 512K, Used: 41K	149.00	
Shopko	#3551 Env Ed- craft sticks, wood rulers (6)	9.53	
Tama County Highway Dept	#133 17Nov15, 4.23T road salt @ \$75.94 per T	321.23	
Tama County Solid Waste	1Nov15, Landfill fees- Oct	64.50	
Ternus Electric	#36215 East well house & NC- locate leak in system and repair water line	269.86	
Wendling Quarries	#618482 44.05T 1" rd stone, 60.86T 1"x3" macadam	<u>1057.82</u>	
		2309.81	2,309.81
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Nov15, 5,386 KWH- meter #1, 2,534 KWH- (NC)	902.39	<u>902.39</u>
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		20,165.52
From LAD Account			
0027-22-0210-000-60000 LAD Account- Capital Projects			
CNC Lumber & Supplies	#179082 Materials- TF Clark Park Shelter roofing project	1,604.70	
Hrabak Lumber Co.	#0163567 Materials- north loop restroom- roofing project	891.20	
	Materials- showerhouse- roofing and window project	3,132.40	
	Labor (Dreesman) showerhouse	3,260.00	

	Labor (Dreesman) North loop restroom	<u>615.00</u>	
		9,503.30	
	Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account		9,503.30
From Nature Center Trust			
0031-22-6120-000-61094 Permanent Improvements			
Museum Professionals	#833 Phase 2- Conceptual & final design (Ttal contract: \$78,780) down payment	23,634.00	
	#834 Phase 2- Conceptual & final design (Payment 1 of 6)	<u>9,191.00</u>	
	Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust		<u>32,825.00</u>
	Total All Bills Submitted		62,493.82

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

Reports and Correspondence. Maintenance Report Etzel reported on work started or completed during November: snow fences in place, install memorial bench, all flower pots brought in for winter, clean warehouse, attend certified pesticide applicators training, tube & cage trees, close TF Clark Park for winter, prepare maintainer and plow truck for winter, close access to west and NE portions of Otter Creek Park for winter, water leak problem at East well house, move snow, data entry for water testing in watershed/**Environmental Education Report** Etzel relayed the monthly report from the Naturalist. Things touched upon in the report included public programming for the month, work on developing an "Iowa Valley Folk School" and the upcoming "Bow Building Workshop I & II/**Current Staff** Etzel reported that all seasonal positions have ended and challenges are being encountered with the missing full time staff that are on leave./ **Wolf Creek Trail** Notification has been received that a time extension has been granted for the project with the new completion deadline of 31Oct16. Etzel and a project engineer from Clapsaddle-Garber will be meeting on Friday with Jerald Ballanger, Iowa Homeland Security to discuss information needed by Tama County before work can go to bid for the trail repairs./ **Watershed Management Plan for Otter Creek Lake Kick Off Meeting** This meeting will present the watershed management plan for Otter Creek Lake on Wednesday, December 9, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., at the Tama County Nature Center. Formal invitations and e-mail blasts have been sent out inviting interested people to attend the meeting.

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Otter Creek Lake Watershed Plan



View the plan, click this link:
<http://ottercreeklake.weebly.com/newsletters--documents.html>

Discussion with Counsel- Closed Session

Issue #1: The Board was to receive an update on an issue requiring discussion with counsel. This discussion would be best addressed in closed session.

It was moved by Atchison, seconded Graff that the Board enter into closed session as allowed under the open meetings law, Iowa Code, Chapter 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation, carried. (Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Graff- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye.) Entered into closed session at 7:33 p.m..

It was moved by Graff, seconded Adolphs to return to open session, carried. (Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Graff- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye.) Returned to open session at 7:41 p.m..

Issue #2: The Board was to receive information on an issue requiring discussion with counsel. This discussion would be best addressed in closed session.

It was moved by Atchison, seconded Keenan to go into closed session as allowed under the open meetings law, Iowa Code, Chapter 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session, carried. (Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Graff- aye,

Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye.) Entered into closed session at 7:42 p.m.. (Note: The employee that the discussion addresses is agreeable to the closed session.)

It was moved by Graff, seconded Atchison to return to open session, carried. (Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Graff- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye.) Returned to open session at 7:45 p.m..

Resolution- Iowa Water and Land Legacy (Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation trust Fund) The Conservation Board discussed the Iowa Water and Land Legacy Initiative passed at the general election in 2010. At that time voters, with more than 60% approval, passed the IWILL initiative which established a constitutionally protected Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. To date the legislature has not funded the trust. The Conservation Board members were in agreement that funding of the trust is critical to a long term sustainable commitment to the natural resources and quality of life in Iowa.

After discussion it was moved by Keenan, seconded Adolphs that Resolution 12-02-2015 (as seen below) be approved, carried. (Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Graff- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye.)

RESOLUTION 12-02-2015
Funding the Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

WHEREAS, Iowa's natural resources are essential and critical for economic, social and recreational quality of life, and

WHEREAS, conservation of soil, water, wildlife, habitat, parks and trails is essential to ensure long term benefits for all Iowans, and

WHEREAS, healthy soil, water and fish and wildlife habitat, parks and trails contributes billions of dollars to Iowa's rural, suburban and urban economies, and

WHEREAS, these benefits ensure sustainable jobs and ensure an attractive job market for those seeking gainful employment, and

WHEREAS, Iowa's quality of life is greatly enhanced through beautiful parks, abundant fish and wildlife for hunting and fishing, clean lakes for swimming and boating, and connected trails for biking, hiking and recreating, and

WHEREAS, voters in 2010 passed the Constitutional Amendment that created the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, and polling in 2014 continues to show a high level of support (>66%) for Funding the Trust, and

WHEREAS, voters approved the Constitutional Amendment in 2010 according to the allocation set forth in Section 10 of Senate File 2310 of the 83rd General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the funds generated by the constitutional amendment are to supplement and not to replace existing funding appropriated by the General Assembly for conservation purposes.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Tama County Conservation Board supports funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, and therefore encourages the Iowa Legislature to develop and pass legislation that Funds the Trust Fund in 2016,

And be it further resolved that the Governor of the Great State of Iowa sign this legislation into law, creating a permanent source of funding that ensures Iowa's natural resources are conserved for economic, social and recreational benefits for all Iowans.





New business

Election of Officers The Board discussed election of officers for 2016. After short discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Atchison that Carolyn Adolphs serve as Chairperson for 2016, carried. (All voting aye)

It was moved by Keenan, seconded Adolphs that Allan Atchison serve as Vice-chairman for 2016, carried. (all voting aye)

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Atchison, seconded Graff to adjourn, carried. (all voting aye) Adjourned 8:20 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR