

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

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

Minutes from the regular session of January 12, 2015, were read. It was moved by Atchison, seconded Keenan to accept the minutes as read, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

<b>TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND</b>			
		Amount of Bill	Category Total
<b>0001-22-6100-100-661 Salary-Director</b>			
<b>Etzel, Robert</b>	16Jan15 Monthly salary for January	4,026.33	4,026.33
<b>0001-22-6100-000-26000 Office Supplies</b>			
<b>Etzel, Robert</b>	Reimburse for HP 951XL black, HP950XL yellow ink for printer	73.12	
<b>Staples</b>	#116916910 ink, paper;#1169598151 tri-fold brochure paper	<u>223.61</u>	
		296.73	296.73
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage</b>			
<b>Etzel, Robert</b>	As per one (1) receipt	0.84	0.84
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone</b>			
<b>Verizon</b>	16Jan15, 484-2231 (office)	19.64	
	16Jan15, 484-5314 (shop)	15.11	
	19Jan15, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.84	
<b>Windstream</b>	21Jan15, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	133.80	
	21Jan15, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>57.14</u>	
		241.53	241.53
<b>0001-22-6100-000-48000 Dues &amp; Membership</b>			
<b>CCDA</b>	2015 Annual dues	40.00	40.00
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor</b>		-	
<b>Wise, Craig</b>	2-Jan-15	1,646.40	
	16-Jan-15	1,646.40	
	30-Jan-15	<u>1,646.40</u>	
		4,939.20	4,939.20
<b>0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary</b>			
<b>Dolash, Ron</b>	2-Jan-15	1,511.20	
	16-Jan-15	1,511.20	

	30-Jan-15	<u>1,511.20</u>	
		4,533.60	4,533.60
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh-Minor Repair</b>			
<b>Carquest of Toledo</b>	#14452-105097 fuel inj cleaner (2), diesel fuel supplement	40.57	
<b>Central Iowa Farm Store</b>	#37889M dust cover	34.37	
<b>J&amp;V Auto Parts (NAPA)</b>	#475563 fuel filter (2),pwr serv (2); #475859 NAPAGOLD oil filter (2),	143.99	
	#476368 misc supplies		
<b>Tama Chainsaw &amp; Lawnmower</b>	#252446 repair chainsaw; #421403 1 gal bar oil	79.64	
<b>Z Line Tire &amp; Repair</b>	#1-95989 275/285/295 c 44.5 cable chain	<u>90.94</u>	
		389.51	389.51
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip-hand tools</b>			
<b>Tama Toledo Ace Hardware</b>	#004317 wrench 27 mm comb, wrench comb 1- 1/16	41.98	41.98
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
<b>B&amp;G HVAC Inc.</b>	#17547 repair- NC heat pumps	168.00	
<b>Central Iowa Distributing, Inc.</b>	#111521 degreaser (4 gals), Drain cleaner (5 gals), perf towel (3 cs)		
	bug cartridge/Inn IV & Ultra, delivery	451.50	
<b>Etzel, Robert</b>	22Jan15 Meal- Winterfest Training Workshop	10.00	
<b>Grainger</b>	#9639358655 pleated filters for NC, eye wash preserv, battery- D size	382.28	
<b>Iowa DNR</b>	Wildlife Salvage permit- 3 year	15.00	
<b>Iowa DOT</b>	#23624 snow fence 4' x 100'	58.43	
<b>Poweshiek Water Assoc.</b>	Water, OCP- West, 19Jan15 meter read, Prev: 737K, Cur: 766K, Used: 29K	179.00	
	Water, OCP- East, 19Jan15 meter read, Prev: 325K, Cur: 325K, Used: 0 K	35.00	
<b>Premier Office Equipment, Inc.</b>	#1227833, Premier Platinum Plan, Sharp AR-651 thru 27Feb15	52.80	
	overage charge	3.22	
<b>Tama Toledo Ace Hardware</b>	#004289 handle (52" & 60"), discount	16.98	
<b>Wilkerson Hardware</b>	#B163915 fasteners, wax toilet gaskets	9.96	
<b>Wise, Craig</b>	20Jan15 meal while attending Winterfest, 20 & 21Jan parking- Winterfest	<u>14.60</u>	
		1,396.77	1,396.77
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43000 LP Gas</b>			
<b>New Century FS</b>	Pre-paid LP purchase, Ticket #22574, 21Jan15		
	1,050 gals LP @ \$1.659/gal = \$1,741.95, LPER = \$5.25, HAZ = \$9.45		

	Shop= 700 gals, Main residence = 250 gals, woodshed= 100		
	Begin Bal = \$3,009.73, Current bal = \$1,267.78		
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity</b>			
<b>Grundy Co REC</b>	OCP thru 1Jan15, 6,772 KWH- meter #1	705.04	
	Meter #2 (NC), 4,688 kwh	321.59	
	Security lights	<u>156.00</u>	
		1182.63	1,182.63
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>		<b>17,089.12</b>
<b>TO BE PAID FROM LAD Account</b>			
<b>0027-22-0210-000-44720 LAD Account- FEMA- 2013 (disaster 4126)</b>			
<b>Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc., Inc</b>	#32387 Engineering Services- Wolf Creek Trail, Design & Coor (60% complete)	4,500.00	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account</b>		<b>4,500.00</b>
	<b>Total Bills Submitted</b>		<b>\$21,589.12</b>

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

**Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report** Wise reported on work started or completed during January including annual inventory, cutting willows (wetland mitigation area) and Autumn Olive (Parcel A) in Hansen Addition, fix east wall of warehouse, attend Winterfest training workshop, mechanical repairs / **IWill Capitol Day** Etzel attended the IWill Capitol Day held on January 26, at the State Capitol Building in Des Moines. The gathering was well attended as supporters met with their legislators to encourage 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 annually for Tama County. Etzel provided board members with copies of the Linn County Conservation Board newsletter which had an excellent article on what the IWill (Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund) entailed and its positive impacts. / **Kayak Demo Day** Crowdaddy

Outdoors will be holding a kayak demo day at Otter Creek Lake on Saturday, May 9. This fun event is free to the public and allows people to try out different types and sizes of kayaks. / **Nature Center- (A) Grant Application** A grant request was submitted to the Tama County Community Foundation seeking \$16,000 to be used for completion of Phase 2 Exhibit Component at the Tama County Nature Center. The foundation has generously supported the Nature Center for several years **(B) Fun Night 2015** The date for this spring's event is Saturday evening, March 28. A program has not been determined yet but will include a program, buffet meal and auctions. Ticket price will be \$15 per adult and \$6 for kids 12 yrs old and younger. **(C) Nature Center Exhibit Team** The exhibit team met on Saturday, January 17, for a four hour discussion with the design team (Museum Professionals) for input regarding final design of phase 2 of the exhibit component. It is anticipated the design team will generate a beginning set of concepts by mid-February for the Exhibit Team to ponder based on input provided by the Exhibit Team at the meeting. / **Wolf Creek Trail Repair** Clapsaddle-Garber continues to work on plans for the trail repair. It is anticipated that bids will be due by either the April or May board meetings. / **FY '16 Budget update** Etzel presented the Conservation Board budget request to the Supervisors on January 13. At that meeting they discussed the severe need for an additional staff person. Etzel met again with the Supervisors on January 26 to discuss possible ways to add the staff position.



**Nature Center Exhibit Team** (l to r)  
 Bob Etzel, Melody Bro, Judy Krebsbach, Cathy Wieck, Josh Van Hamme, Denise Fletcher, Geri Eilers, George Corum (absent: David Hill, Jim Little)



**Nature Center Design Team** (l to r)  
 David Gredzens (Exhibit Designer), Tom McGregor (Graphic Designer), Mary Olson (Exhibit Developer), Paula Brown, Terry Brown (Museum Professionals)

**New Staff** The Board reviewed a proposal made by the Supervisors to add a staff person to the Conservation Board program. The plan phases in county funding of the position over a five fiscal year period. During FY '16 the County Conservation Board is to provide 50% of the first year cost. Then in following fiscal years the County Conservation Board must provide 37.5% (FY '17), 25% (FY '18), 12.5% (FY '19) and then 0% (FY '20).

The estimated breakdown is as follows:

	FY '16	FY '17	FY '18	FY '19	FY '20
	Conservation	Conservation	Conservation	Conservation	Conservation
	Bd. Share				
<b>Cost per FY</b>	66,793	62,533	63,389	64,262	65,153
<b>Supervisors Share</b>	33,397	39,083	47,542	56,229	65,153
<b>Conservation Board Share</b>	33,397	23,450	15,847	8,033	0

The Board discussed possible ways to fund the position during the transition to full county funding in FY '20. The Conservation Board will have to provide approximately \$80,726 dollars over that period.

The Board was in agreement that a Naturalist Ranger position has been sorely needed for a number of years and that now is the time to pursue the staff addition even if they have to come up with funds to make it happen. This staff

position will provide environmental education opportunities for residents, park security and aid in maintenance and natural resource management on facilities of the Board.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Keenan, seconded Atchison to accept the Board of Supervisor's proposal and add a Naturalist Ranger position during FY '16. Roll call vote: Atchison- aye, Graff- aye, Keenan- aye, and Wrage- aye, motion carried.

Etzel shared a tentative timeline to develop job descriptions, post the position and conduct interviews. The goal will be to have the new employee on board by July 1.

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

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VICE-CHAIR