

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, March 4, 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 Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of February 4, 2015, were read. It was moved by Graff, seconded Keenan 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
0001-22-6100-000-26100 Books, Mags			
Tama Toledo Newspapers	1 yr subscription- Tama-Toledo Newspapers	60.00	60.00
0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage			
Etzel, Robert	As per three (3) receipts	6.51	
USPS	400- \$0.49 stamps	<u>196.00</u>	
		202.51	202.51
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Verizon	16Feb13, 484-2231 (office)	19.64	
	19Feb13, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.84	
	16Feb13, 484-5314 (shop)	13.34	
Windstream	18Feb13, 484-5314 (shop)	57.49	
	18Feb13, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	<u>132.86</u>	
		239.17	239.17
0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction			
ISAC	#35107 Spring School of Instruction Etzel	160.00	
Linn County Conservation	CCPOA Training- Regis- Etzel, Wise @ \$10 ea x 2	<u>20.00</u>	
		180.00	180.00
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor		-	
Wise, Craig	13-Feb-15	1,650.40	
	27-Feb-15	<u>1,650.40</u>	
		3,300.80	3,300.80
0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conservation Tech.			
Dolash, Ron	13-Feb-15	1,511.20	
	27-Feb-15	<u>1,511.20</u>	
		3,022.40	3,022.40
0001-22-6110-000-25050 Mt Veh- fuel			
New Century FS, Inc.	16Jan15, #007344 Unleaded gas 242.5 gals @ \$1.2336/gl	299.15	
	FET (LUST)	0.24	

	State Motor Fuel Tax @ \$0.19 per gal	46.08	
	Hazmat handling fee	2.18	
	16Jan15, #007345 ULS Dyed 15 PPM 75.2 gals @ \$2.1490 per gl	161.60	
	FET (LUST)	0.08	
	Hazmat handling fee	<u>0.68</u>	
		510.01	510.01
001-22-6100-000-25350 Mt Veh- Tires			
Z Line Tire & Repair	#1-96868 flat tire- repair- implement, air valve stem	19.52	19.52
0001-22-6110-22-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
Central Iowa Farm Store	#3812M dust cover	37.37	
Musgrave Motors	#149-0 '08 Ford Pickup, replace starter	<u>77.00</u>	
		114.37	114.37
0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip-hand tools			
Carquest of Toledo	#14452-106426 tire gauge, grip chuck, dual head air chuck	34.23	34.23
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Etzel, Robert	Lunch- Etzel, Wise- District 1 meeting- Poweshiek County 12Feb15	20.00	
IACCBE	Lodging- Winterfest 2015- 19Jan- 20Jan15 Etzel	147.74	
Iowa Falls Fire Extinguisher & Service	#2234 Annual Inspect (2), 5# & 10# ABC extinguishers, service call	158.00	
Kenkel Law Office	#11911 Salt Creek project- legal fees	674.50	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, OCP- West, 23Feb15, meter read, Prev: 766K, Cur: 795K, Used: 29K	179.00	
	Water, OCP- East, 23Feb15, meter read, Prev: 325K, Cur: 325K, Used: 0K	35.00	
Premier Office Equipment, Inc.	#1248312 Premier Platinum Plan, Sharp AR-651 thru 27Mar15	52.80	
Schendel Pest Control	#010173315 Quarterly pest control	60.00	
Tama County Solid Waste	31Jan15 Landfill fees- January	21.00	
Tama Toledo Ace Hardware	#004628 misc materials, #004615 paint, primer, #004571 acrylic 18x24x 0.100	<u>136.36</u>	
		1,484.40	1,484.40
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Feb15, 8,273KWH- meter #1,	848.54	
	8,287 kwh- meter #2 (NC)	568.49	-
	Security light charge	<u>156.00</u>	-
		1573.03	<u>1,573.03</u>
0001-22-0210-000-61094 Bldgs & Perm Imp			-

Dostal Construction & Excavating	Manatt's Landing- repair river bank- trucking and equipment time	3,350.00	-
	Otter Creek Lake & Park- demolition of boat ramp restroom	1,950.00	-
	Shoreline Armoring- OC Lake- Fish Habitat Project #13-06F (partial)	862.01	-
		6,162.01	6,162.01
Total Bills Submitted, General Fund			16,902.45
To be paid from LAD Account			
0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital projects			
Dostal Construction & Excavating	Shoreline Armoring- OC Lake- Fish Habitat Project #13-06F (partial)	3487.99	
0027-22-0210-000-44720 LAD Account- FEMA- 2013 (disaster 4126)			
Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc., Inc	#32387 Engineering Services- Wolf Creek Trail, Design & Coor (60% complete)	4,500.00	
Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account			7,987.99
To be paid from Nature Center Trust			
0031-22-6120-000-29672 Art Supplies			
Zach Wildlife Art	Fun Night 2015, Framed "Winter Chickadees" LE paper	190.00	
Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust Account			190.00
Total All Bills Submitted			\$25,080.44

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

Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report Wise reported on work started or completed during February including replace reflectors on signs, pull and repaint signage, replace rubber boots on Kubota tractor, repair Nature Center kitchen faucet, work on repairing molded wall in restrooms in the Nature Center basement / **Legislation** SF357 has been introduced. This bill seeks to fund the Natural resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. The trust fund was established following 62% approval of the voters in 2010. To date the trust fund has not received funding. This initiative, formerly known as Iowa's Water and Land Legacy (IWill), will have far reaching positive effects on natural resources, outdoor recreation and quality of life in the state. The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is calling for supporters to contact their Senator seeking support of SF357./ **IACCB Spring Board Member Workshop** Etzel shared information with the board members regarding the annual IACCB Board Member Spring Workshop. This year's workshop will be held on Saturday, April 18, at the Clinton County Ecotourism Center. The workshop is provided at no charge and is an excellent opportunity for Board Members to learn about different issues and to network with other county board members./ **Wolf Creek Trail Repair** Clapsaddle-Garber continues to work on plans. A couple issues need to resolved including concerns of an adjoining landowner to lowering a portion of the trail to mitigate repetitive flood damage and concerns regarding the realignment of C Ave. and the impact on the trail./ **Fun Night for the Nature Center** The Fun Night will be held on Saturday evening, March 28. Marv Boldt has agreed to run the auction again this year and My Mother's Catering will serve the buffet. Tickets, notices to supporters, etc. will be going out either later this week or early next week./ **Youth Fishing Seminar** This year's seminar will be held on Wed., June 17 at Otter Creek Lake and Park.

New Staff The Board reviewed the proposed job posting notice and job description for the position of Naturalist/Park Ranger. After some discussion it was moved by Keenan, seconded Adolphs to accept the job description and job posting notice, carried. (All voting aye)

Etzel shared a revised tentative timeline to place ads in local papers and on social media outlets to seek applicants. Notifications will be immediately placed on the MyCountyParks.com website, the county website and Facebook page

for Otter Creek Lake and Park. Ads will appear in local papers next week and then two or three weeks later. Deadline for applications is April 24.

The Board discussed establishing a committee to conduct the interviews. Chairman Wrage suggested the committee consist of himself as Chairman of the Conservation Board, another board member, Etzel, and Wise. Adolphs, due to her seniority on the board was recommended to serve as the other conservation board member on the committee. If she is unable to participate Keenan volunteered to serve in that capacity.

Etzel will receive the original applications and cut the field to the 10- 12 top applicants. The interview committee will then reduce the field to the final six. Final interviews will be conducted on two separate evenings. From those two interview sessions the top three candidates will be graded and ranked as #1 – 3. From that ranking a job offer will be tendered. The goal is to have the new employee on board as close to July 1 as practical.

Fencing Agreement- Reinig Tract A fencing agreement was presented to the Conservation Board relative to some fence at the Reinig Wildlife Refuge and Nature Study Area. After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Atchison that the fencing agreement as presented be accepted, carried. (All voting aye)

Salt Creek Mitigation Tract Possible names were considered for the new tract acquired in late December. The property is located in Section 26, York Township. After discussion it was moved by Graff, seconded Atchison that the property be named, "Heritage Wetlands Wildlife Area", carried. (All voting aye)



Tama/Grundy Izaak Walton Fundraiser Wrage reminded the board regarding the annual fundraiser of the Tama-Grundy Izaak Walton Club. The event is to be held on Saturday, March 21, at the Reinbeck Legion Building. The event includes a meal and raffle of many items. Doors open at 5 p.m., meal served at 6:30 p.m..

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan to adjourn, carried. Adjourned 8:15 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR