

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 6, 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, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Linn Snell (Elberon), Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of April 1, 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:

TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND			
		Amount of Bill	Category Total
0001-22-6100-000-26000			
Office Supplies			
Staples		76.50	76.50
0001-22-6100-000-29400			
Uniforms			
Lands' End Budiness Outfitters	#20150410-5096281 Polo shirts (2), basic twill shirt	130.00	130.00
0001-22-6100-000-40000			
Publications & Notices			
Tama/Grundy Piblishing	Help wanted and crop lease ads- March	464.94	464.94
0001-22-6100-000-41200			
Postage			
Etzel, Bob	As per two receipts	31.53	
Postmaster	100 stamps @ \$0.49 ea	49.00	
		80.53	80.53
0001-22-6100-000-41400			
Telephone			
Verizon	16Apr15, 484-2231 (office)	13.81	
	16Apr15, 484-5314 (shop)	15.15	
	19Apr15, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.92	
Windstream	18Apr15, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	133.95	
	18Apr15, 484-5314 (shop)	57.14	
		235.97	235.97
0001-6110-101-22-223			
Salary- Main Supervisor			
Wise, Craig	10-Apr-15	1,650.40	
	24-Apr-15	1,650.40	
		3,300.80	3,300.80
0001-6110-101-22-226			
Salary- Conserv Tech			
Dolash, Ron	10-Apr-15	1,511.20	
	24-Apr-15	1,511.20	
		3,022.40	3,022.40
0001-6110-101-22-224			
Salary- Seasonal			
Bergmann, Sandy	10-Apr-15	78.00	78.00
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			

Central Iowa Farm Store	#40400M filters	47.52	
J&V Auto Parts	#479210	33.45	
Van Wall Equipment	#33755 Link chain (2)	<u>83.56</u>	
		164.53	164.53
0001-22-6110-000-29050			
Min Equip- hand tools			
Menard's	#91777 lg angle broom, steel handle, brushes	28.95	28.95
0001-22-6110-000-29252			
Main & Supplies			
CID	#117939 misc cleaning, odoer control supplies	831.00	
Cooley Pumping	#45290 two porta potties 14Apr- 11May15	140.00	
Dolezal farm Supply	#0084721 fertilizer, grass seed, clover, alfalfa	251.25	
Etzel, Robert	Registration- Dist 1 Mtg-Story County (Etzel)	7.50	
Fareway	Borax Bleach 6May15	4.49	
Gempler's	#1020600002 gas cans (safety)	415.70	
Hrabak Lumber	#0156551-IN 2x10x6 cedar (14), 2x6x12 ACQ (2), nails	368.64	
Kenkel Law Office	#12045 draft fencing agreement (Reinig Tract)	350.00	
Menard's	#91510 grass seed, fert; ;#91777 misc supplies	352.22	
Poweshiek water Assoc	Water, OCP- West 21Apr15 meter read, Prev: 819K, Current: 848K, Used: 29K	179.00	
	Water, OCP- East 21Apr15 meter read, Prev: 325K, Current: 327K, Used: 2K	43.00	
	Water, TF Clark Park 21Apr15, meter read, Prev: 12K, Current: 12K, Used:0 K	35.00	
Premier Office Supply	#1068715 Premier Platinum Plan, Sharp AR-651 copier through 27May15	52.80	
Schade Lime & Rock, Inc	31Mar15 Truck 105.73T rd stone to OCP, Tickets: 3043237, 3043238,	755.97	
	3043267, 3043281, 3043289, 3043316, 3043302		
Scharnweber Water Cond., Inc.	16Apr15 replace hydrant- Site #8 north loop	940.45	
Tama County Solid Waste	Land fill fees- March & April	62.00	
Tama Toledo Ace Hardware	#005013 paint, sink parts; #005040 toilet seat (2)	88.73	
Ternus Electric	#35471 repair shop heater; #35509 AO Smith LP water heater- showerhouse	1,297.80	
Wending Quarries	#588216 25Apr15 60.64T 1" rd stone, 77.85T 1-1/2" clean		
	#585404 1Apr15, 15.15T 1" rd stone; #586558 6-9Apr15, 136.07T rd stone		
	#584746 31Mar15 105.73T 1" rd stone	3,782.70	
Wiese Tree Service	#202213 drop and cut into shorter lengths- elem trees near shop (6)	550.00	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B164992 crazy glue,primer pro	<u>19.98</u>	
		10,528.23	10,528.23
0001-22-6110-000-29400			
Uniforms			
Lands' End Business Outfitters	#20150410-5096281 polo shirts and t-shirts	210.95	
Schultz., Marilyn	pants (2)	<u>83.45</u>	

		294.40	294.40
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Apr15,, 6,307 kwh- meter #1, 5,153 kwh- NC	1,170.08	1,170.08
0001-22-0210-000-61094 Perm Imp			
Hrabak Lumber	#0157672-IN repair trailer residence- materials	1,888.60	
	#0157687-IN hooded vent (trailer)	124.40	
	#0157718-IN osb, felt, 2x2x8 (10, positivent-trailer repair	150.40	
	#0157761=CM Credit memo- returned materials- trailer repair	-57.25	
Resource Services	#12 perform direct seeding- Parcel C- Hansen Addition	3,000.00	
Tiimber Mgmt LLC	50% seed cost plus \$100 delivery- direct seeding- Parcel C- Hansen Addition	1,878.12	
		6,984.27	6,984.27
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		\$ 26,559.60
	Total All Bills Submitted		\$ 26,559.60

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 April including opening of TF Clark Park, Manatt's Landing blade road and parking lot, trim limbs along roadways, trash cleanup/Otter Creek Lake & Park- open campgrounds, clean up trees by shop, removal of trees near shop, open shower-house, flush

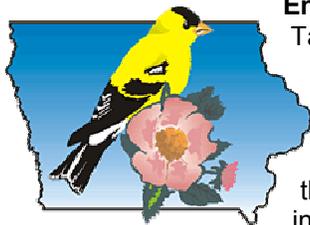


hydrants, test electrical outlets in RV camp section, open dump and fish cleaning station/

Legislation Etzel reported that with the effort to get the IWill initiative funded there is talk of cutting REAP back by \$2 million dollars to fund special projects. This is unacceptable and Etzel encouraged the board to contact local legislators to urge full funding of REAP/

Fun Night for the Nature Center The financial report was shared with the Board. This year's event netted \$7,156 for the programs and construction of the Tama County Nature Center. / **Nature Center Exhibit Team** It was reported the Exhibit Team will be meeting with Terry Brown, Museum Professionals for an update of the partially developed final design of Phase II- Exhibits on May 12./

Environmental Education The 4th grade Field Day was held on Monday, April 20. North Tama and Dysart Elementary students attended the event. The 5th Grade Field day is slated for May 14. The Annual Youth Fishing Seminar will be held on June 17./**Seasonal Staff** A new Seasonal Park Ranger is being trained at this time. It is hoped she will be able to begin independent patrol by May 9. One of two Conservation Aides started on May 5. The other seasonal aide is expected to start on May 11./ **New Staff** Etzel reported that twenty-three applications had been received for the Naturalist/Park Ranger position. The field includes several excellent candidates. The interview committee will be interviewing a final field



fo nine candidates on May 13 and 14. /**Thank yous-** Thank yous were presented for three persons significant in the cleanup at Manatt's Landing. A special thank you goes out to Kyle Purk, Josh Sprague, and Jeff Filloon for their assistance./**Plantings** Etzel reported on plantings completed this spring and projects which should be finished in the next couple weeks. A direct seeding of forest trees was completed on ten acres on Parcel C of the Hansen Addition. A nine acre planting of a pollinator mix was planted on Parcel B earlier this spring. Two sites that have received seed from the US Fish & Wildlife Service will be planted to pollinator mix (0.5 acres- Parcel C- Hansen and 1.5 acres- Reinig Tract). The seed is provided at no cost through the Monarch Initiative. The initiative is attempting to make a significant impact on acres of habitat available to the monarch butterflies which have shown a significant decline in recent years. Also a 1.5 planting of browse cover will be planted on Parcel B- Hansen. The browse includes a couple species of clover and alfalfa./**Wolf Creek Trail** A request for a change in the original mitigation west of C Ave has been submitted to Iowa Homeland



Security and has been forwarded to FEMA for their consideration. Communication has been received from Homeland Security that bids on the work can be pursued but construction cannot begin until FEMA makes a decision on the mitigation.

LAD Account- Deposit request Etzel shared a report on projected funds that should be placed into the LAD Account. The following funds should be received prior to the end of FY '15:

Source	Description	Amount
State of Iowa	Reimbursement from Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant for acquisition of Heritage Wetlands Wildlife Area	38,830.00
State of Iowa	Reimbursement from Fish Habitat Stamp Grant for shoreline armoring- Otter Creek Lake	7,758.11
Crop Rent	Crop lease funds for 2015 (Reinig Wildlife Refuge, Hansen Addition, Heritage Wetlands Wildlife Area)	9,560.00
FY '15 Budget	FY ending balance excluding funds to be placed into Machinery & Motor Vehicle Account	Unknown at this time

It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan to request the Supervisors place these funds into the LAD Account, carried. (all voting aye)

Izaak Walton League Shooting Facility

Change in Range Rules

The Board discussed the use of exploding targets by target shooters around the country. The Board was in agreement that use of exploding targets is against the philosophy at the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility.



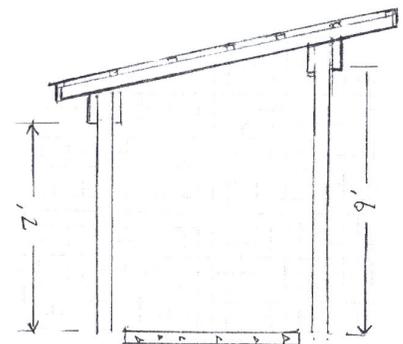
Etzel presented possible changes to the Range Rules for the facility that would address this issue. Suggested changes in wording were presented. The changes are highlighted in yellow in the portion of the affected range rules below.

- 2. Armor piercing, incendiary, tracer, chemical and explosive projectiles, or devices designed to fire or propel explosive, incendiary, or chemical projectiles are prohibited. **Also prohibited are any form of exploding target.**

- 5. Only paper targets shall be allowed. Shotgun shooters may shoot clay pigeons. Shooters are required to use their own target holders. **Also prohibited are any form of exploding target.** The target frame will be constructed so that when the paper target is attached, the bottom of the target will be one inch higher (37") than the top of the shooting benches at the range.

After discussion it was moved by Keenan, seconded Atchison to change the Range Rules for the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility to exclude the use of exploding targets as suggested, carried. (all voting aye)

Shelter for Short Range Shooting Stations Atchison approached the Board regarding constructing a covered shelter for the short range at the facility. New shooting tables were recently installed on the short range. He suggested that the shelter would a smaller version of the shelter over the 100 yard station and would be made with the same materials to match that shelter. Atchison proposed the Conservation Board cover the cost of materials for the project while labor will be provided by volunteers. The estimated cost of materials was \$1,550. After discussion it was moved by Keenan, seconded Adolphs to provide the materials for the project, carried. (all voting aye)



Restroom Facilities The Board discussed the need for a restroom at the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility for authorized shooters and their guests. Linn Snell, Elberon, who is an authorized shooter at the facility indicated that

his wife had commented on the absence of restrooms at the facility. The Board discussed the cost of a formal restroom at the facility. Even if it was possible to receive a grant the cost of the building could easily top \$15,000. After discussion it was moved Keenan, seconded Atchison that one porta potty be rented to cover the period from May 1 to November 1, carried. (all voting aye)



Land Acquisition The Board wished to discuss some property that has become available in the county. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Atchison that the Board enter into closed session as allowed under the open meetings law, Iowa Code, Chapter 21.5 (j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property, carried. (Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye..) Entered into closed session at 8:15 p.m..

It was moved by Keenan, seconded Atchison to return to open session, carried. (Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye.) Returned to open session at 8:27 p.m.

Moved by Adolphs, seconded Atchison to continue discussions with property owner regarding possible acquisition, carried. (all voting aye)

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Keenan, seconded Adolphs to adjourn, carried. (all voting aye) Adjourned 8:35 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR