

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at the Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Lake & Park. The meeting was called to order by Chair Atchison at 7 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Atchison, Graff, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Kendall Jordan, Don Vorwald, Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of June 7, 2017, were read. It was moved by Wrage, 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
0001-22-6100-100-661 Salary-Director			
Etzel, Robert	2-Jun-17	1,923.00	
	16-Jun-17	1,923.00	
	30-Jun-17	<u>1,923.00</u>	
		5,769.00	5,769.00
0001-22-6100-000-40000 Publications & Notices			
Tama/Grundy Publishing	Ads- Naturalist/Park Ranger (10 & 17May17)	462.00	462.00
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Windstream	20Jun17, 484-2231 (office)	76.24	
	20Jun17, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>59.26</u>	
		135.50	135.50
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary-Main Supv/Ranger		-	
Wise, Craig	2-Jun-17	1,749.60	
	16-Jun-17	1,749.60	
	30-Jun-17	<u>1,749.60</u>	
		5,248.80	5,248.80
Salary- Naturalist/Park Ranger			
Anderson, Chris	2-Jun-17	1,882.67	1,882.67
0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary-Conserv Tech/Park Ranger			
Ryan Rieger	2-Jun-17	1,513.60	
	16-Jun-17	1,513.60	
	30-Jun-17	<u>1,513.60</u>	
		4,540.80	4,540.80
0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary-Seasonal			
Bergmann, Sandy	2-Jun-17	480.94	
	16-Jun-17	790.87	
	30-Jun-17	659.07	
Krukow, Collin	2-Jun-17	820.00	
	16-Jun-17	740.56	
	30-Jun-17	820.00	

Larson, Lane	2-Jun-17	457.13	
	16-Jun-17	520.38	
	30-Jun-17	485.88	
Thompson, Tyler	2-Jun-17	820.00	
	16-Jun-17	738.00	
	30-Jun-17	<u>781.56</u>	
		8,114.39	8,114.39
TOTAL ALL SALARIES- MAINTENANCE		19,786.66	
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
Carquest of Toledo	#14452-148608 poly arm bl	5.60	
Central Iowa Farm Store	#R61428M misc parts	223.16	
J&V Auto Parts	#508314 Rd grader- alternator, #507483 misc	<u>526.54</u>	
		755.30	755.30
001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools			
Menard's	#61150 3 pc brush set	10.97	
Paul's Ace Hardware	#01789 Tank sprayer 2 gl	<u>29.99</u>	
		40.96	40.96
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Ellenbecker Oil Co.	#74730 Night crawlers (6 doz)- youth fishing seminar	18.00	
Hillyard/Des Moines	#3602586360 Top Clean floor cleaner	84.35	
Iowa DOT	#41576 55 gal trash bags (11 cs), paper towel	322.88	
Marion Brush Mfg & Janitorial Supply	#00230489 toilet paper (6 cs)	406.20	
Menard's	#61150 misc supplies	54.36	
Norton's Greenhouse	22Jun17 flat of annuals, Osmocote	20.99	
Paul's Ace Hardware	#011856 cement all purpose, cleaner, PVC pipe	19.01	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, TFCP for May/Jun Prev: 15K, Current: 16K, used: 1K	41.50	
	Water, OCP West for May/Jun, Prev: 1230K, Current:1234K, used: 4K	58.60	
	Water, OCP East for May/Jun, Prev:598K, Current: 611K, Used: 13K	109.00	
	Water, OCP Main Res for May/Jun, Prev: 57K, Current: 61K, Used: 4K	58.60	
Richardson, Rod	#4578 Columbia Wildlife Area- custom farming- food plot	601.90	
Scharnweber Water Cond	3Jun- service call dump station; 12Jun install water hydrant- dump station	443.75	
VISA	#1148445 Bird & Buck Whitetail Forage Brassica mix- Col Wildlife Area	<u>299.95</u>	
		2,539.09	2,539.09
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			

Traer Municipal Utilities	TFCP thru 15Jun17, 357 kwh	94.86	94.86
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		\$ 29,583.37
From REAP Account			
0023-22-0210-000-60096 REAP Account			
Tama County	Portion of 2nd half payment for FY '17 allotment for Naturalist/Ranger Position	5,993.00	
	Total Bills Submitted, REAP Account		5,993.00
From Nature Center Trust Account			
0023-22-0210-000-60096 REAP Account			
Tama County	Portion of 2nd half payment for FY '17 allotment for Naturalist/Ranger Position	5,000.00	
	Total Bills Submitted, NC Trust Account		5,000.00
	Total All Bills Submitted		\$ 40,576.37

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

Reports and Correspondence. Maintenance Report Wise updated the Board on work started or completed during June. The work included: tube trees- Parcel C, Hansen Addition, Wolf Creek Trail- mow and prune limbs, Geese banded at lake, Invasive species removal- Parcel A & B- Hansen Add, Duffus Landing- clean boat ramp, water samples, weed eat and mow lake & road edges / **Naturalist/Park Ranger Staff Opening**

Interviews of five candidates resulted in a job offer being tendered to Logan Roberts, Indianola. She is anticipated to start in late July. Etzel shared she was the clear leader among the applicants and will be a great addition to the team./**Columbia Wildlife Area** Etzel reported the corn has been planted and a Brassica mix has been received to interseed in the food plot.

/**Walleye** Etzel is awaiting word from Harrison Fishery regarding if they will provide more fish per \$1,500 if we agree to a two year purchase./**ARC-CO** Letters have been sent to all school districts serving Tama County regarding the grant of funds for environmental education/outdoor recreation trips to Otter Creek Lake & Park and the Tama County Nature Center. North Tama and Gladbrook-Reinbeck have replied they will accept the funds. Etzel will make a short presentation at the South Tama Schools meeting on July 10. It is hoped that funds can be distributed to the school districts by the end of July./**Manatt's Landing- fatal drowning** Information was shared to the board regarding the tragic loss of life on the Iowa River recently.



The annual Youth Fishing Seminar held on June 20 at Otter Creek Lake saw twenty-three youth ages 9- 13 attend. A big thank you goes to Tama County Extension staff, Tama County 4-H Teen Council and guest instructors Chris Mack & Brett Reece, Iowa DNR.

1963 Gallion Road Grader The Board discussed the need to dispense of the 1963 Galion Road Grader with the recent purchase of a 1998 used grader. Etzel will check with local auctioneers and also post on Craig's list.

Flag pole donation Don Vorwald, Toledo, addressed the board regarding a memorial flag pole that he would like to donate to the park. He will purchase the flag pole, flag, solar light, memorial plaque, flower pots, and all materials needed. He will install the flag pole also. The Board was in agreement that a flag pole would be a nice addition if located in a prominent location in the park. The Board and Mr. Vorwald discussed possible locations for the flag pole. After discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Keenan that the Conservation Board accept the generous gift for placement at an agreed upon location on the east side of the main road (Nature Center Road) near the boat landing, carried. (all voting aye)



Job Description- Director The Board briefly discussed the job descriptions that were presented at last month's meeting for the position of Director. The Supervisors would like to eventually see job descriptions for all positions in the county. The Board agreed rather than discuss the job description at each board meeting each board member should review it making notes for possible changes. All were in agreement that the job description be considered for approval at the November Conservation Board meeting.

Road Repairs- Otter Creek Lake and Park The Board discussed quotes made for a chip seal of the asphalt road in the park. Etzel is to work with a contractor to get the work completed. He estimated to include some areas that will need to be cored out and replaced with fresh asphalt prior to chip seal will bring the project in at approximately \$75,000- \$80,000. After discussion it was moved by Graff, seconded Keenan the roads be repaired and chip sealed. Cost of the project is not to exceed \$75,000, carried. (all voting aye)

DNR Cutbacks Wrage brought to everyone's attention the announcement that the DNR will be cutting some administrative positions and eliminating the Forestry Bureau due to budget cuts imposed by the legislature. He voiced concern that the legislature felt the cuts were necessary. This is a unsettling message being sent by the current legislature.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Keenan, seconded Wrage to adjourn, carried. (all voting aye) Adjourned 7:55 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR