

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 2, 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, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Etzel, and Wise. [Note: Keenan serving as vice-chair in Graff's absence.]

Minutes from the regular session of January 4, 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:

<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>	13-Jan-17	1,923.00	
	27-Jan-17	<u>1,923.00</u>	
		3,846.00	3,846.00
<b>0001-22-6100-000-26100 Magazines/Books</b>			
<b>Traer Star-Clipper</b>	1 yr subscription	45.00	45.00
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone</b>			
<b>Windstream</b>	20Jan16, 484-2231 (office)	76.17	
	20Jan16, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>58.14</u>	
		134.31	134.31
<b>0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction</b>			
<b>Midwest Invasive Plant Network</b>	#1904026-98812449 Registration- Wise, Rieger (One day)	250.00	250.00
<b>0001-22-6100-000-48000 Dues &amp; Membership</b>			
<b>CCDA</b>	2017 Annual dues	40.00	40.00
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary-Main Supervisor</b>			
<b>Wise, Craig</b>	13-Jan-17	1,749.60	
	27-Jan-17	<u>1,749.60</u>	
		3,499.20	3,499.20
<b>Salary- Naturalist/Park Ranger</b>			
<b>Anderson, Chris</b>	13-Jan-17	1,426.40	
	27-Jan-17	<u>1,426.40</u>	
		2,852.80	2,852.80
<b>0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary-Conservation Tech/Park Ranger</b>			
<b>Rieger, Ryan</b>	13-Jan-17	1,513.60	
	27-Jan-17	<u>1,513.60</u>	
		3,027.20	3,027.20
<b>TOTAL SALARIES- MAIN &amp; OPERATIONS</b>			9,379.20
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25050 Mt Veh- fuels</b>			
<b>New Century FS</b>	20Dec16, #012108, 232.9 gals unleaded gas w/eth @ \$1.4769/gal	343.97	

	FET (LUST)	0.23	
	State motor fuel tax gasohol @ \$0.20/gl	67.54	
	Hazmat fee	2.10	
	20Dec16, #012107 138.5 gls #1 ULS Dyed 15 PPM @ \$2.0266/gl	280.68	
	FET (LUST)	0.14	
	Hazmat fee	<u>1.25</u>	
		695.91	695.91
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25350 Tires</b>			
<b>Z Line Tire &amp; Repair</b>	#1-110119 265/70-R17 10 ply Hankook Owl RF 10AT (4) '12 Chevy	740.20	
	#1-109945 JD 4030 tire repair, service call	232.00	
	8 ply TL FRS Super All traction	580.00	
	13.6/15.5R36/38 tube	<u>68.14</u>	
		1,620.34	1,620.34
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair</b>			
<b>J&amp;V Auto Parts (NAPA)</b>	#502626 hyd oil, 15W40;#502670 repair '91 plow truck, #502826 tarp fasteners	357.74	
<b>Sandhill Auto Salvage</b>	#255890 for '14 Ford, door mirror	100.00	
<b>Tama Chainsaw &amp; Lawnmower</b>	#0838363 files, oil	<u>29.70</u>	
		487.44	487.44
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools</b>			
<b>J&amp;V Auto Parts (NAPA)</b>	#502368 impact socket; #502670 12" pipe wrench	29.48	29.48
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
<b>Anderson, Chris</b>	28Jan17 materials for NC program	6.13	
<b>Etzel, Robert</b>	26Jan17 Meal- Winterfest Training Workshop	10.00	
<b>Hrabak Lumber Co</b>	#0086690 misc lumber;#0174476 misc lumber;#0174637 2x10x8 (16)		
	#0174649 showerhouse pit 10' R/C WG1	757.89	
<b>Poweshiek Water Assoc.</b>	Water, OCP- West, 19Jan17 meter read, Prev: 1224K, Cur: 1224K, Used: 0K	37.00	
	Water, OCP- East, 19Jan17 meter read, Prev: 589K, Cur: 589K, Used: 0 K	37.00	
	Water- OCP Residence, 19Jan17 meter read, Prev: 41, Curr: 44K, Used 3K	52.30	
<b>Schendel Pest Control</b>	#01-0196871 bi-monthly pest control	60.00	
<b>Tama Co Solid Waste</b>	1Jan17 Landfill fees- December	56.70	
<b>Wilkerson Hardware</b>	#B189217 misc hardware	7.40	
<b>Wise, Craig</b>	23Jan17 Meals (Wise, Rieger) while attending Winterfest	<u>16.56</u>	
		1,024.85	1,024.85
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43000 LP Gas</b>			
<b>New Century FS</b>	Pre-paid LP purchase, Ticket #44551, 5Jan17		
	600 gals LP @ \$1.029/gal = \$617.40, LPER = \$3.30, HAZ = \$5.40		
	Shop= 425 gals, Main residence = 175 gals, Rem Bal		

	\$1,422.27- \$626.10 = \$796.17		
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity</b>			
<b>Grundy Co REC</b>	OCP thru 1Jan17, 6,922 KWH- meter #1	776.49	
	Meter #2 (NC), 5,018 kwh	385.63	
	Security lights	<u>156.00</u>	
		1318.12	1,318.12
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>		<b>28,249.85</b>
<b>TO BE PAID FROM NATURE CENTER TRUST ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>0031-22-6120-000-29272 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
<b>Staples Credit Plan</b>	#1737280631 name tags- top loading (IACCBE)	103.96	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, NC Trust Account</b>		<b>103.96</b>
	<b>Total Bills Submitted</b>		<b>\$28,353.81</b>

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

**Reports and Correspondence. Maintenance Report** Wise updated the Board on worked started or completed during January. The work included: replace rim on JD 4030, rebuild sign at Izaak Walton Shooting Facility, haul trash out at Manatt's, replace hydraulic lines- plow truck, repair picnic tables, cut and spray invasive brush/ **Environmental Education Report** The Board reviewed a report generated by Anderson updating the Board on ongoing environmental education activities during January./ **IWill Initiative** Etzel updated the board on the Iowa's Water and Land Legacy initiative, the Natural Resource and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund (NRORTF) and the REAP program. The IWill Initiative was passed at the general election of 2010 with over 60% of voters approving the establishment of the NRORTF. The approved referendum declared that the first 3/8 of one cent of any future sales tax increase would be dedicated to the trust fund. It is estimated that this would generate nearly \$180 million dollars annually to help water quality, conservation and outdoor recreation efforts across our great state. With the general distaste of the legislature to increase the sales tax there have been other means sought to fund the trust without success. Etzel shared that a news release would be sent to county newspapers in support of funding the trust./ **FY '18 Budget Proposal** Etzel had presented the FY '18 budget request of the Conservation Board to the Board of Supervisors on January 11. He relayed that good discussion was generated at that meeting.

**Personal Protective Equipment** The Board discussed recommended personal protective equipment for staff to wear during controlled burns. Burning of vegetation on wild acres under county management is an accepted practice to help control woody vegetation on the increased acres of native prairie. Etzel recommended the equipment be purchased to protect our dedicated staff while performing the burns. A cost estimate to equip three staff members with the following equipment would be around \$1,800. After discussion it was moved by Keenan, seconded Adolphs to purchase the personal protective equipment as presented, carried. (all voting aye)



The following equipment was suggested:

Fire Equipment	Unit Cost	Quantity	Estimated Total Cost
	Wildland Firefighter Shirts	116.50	3.00
Wildland Firefighter Pants	198.00	3.00	594.00
Wildliand Firefighter Helmets	54.75	3.00	164.25
Helmet Shroud	28.35	3.00	85.05

Radio Chest Harness	55.00	3.00	165.00
Wildland Fire Goggles	40.00	3.00	120.00
Environmental Meter (wind speed, rel. humidity)	269.00	1.00	269.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			1,746.80

**Columbia Wildlife Area** The Board discussed possibly re-establishing a food plot on the 160 acre tract. The old food plot effort had been discontinued on the property several years ago due to small staff unable to get free to plant the plots during late spring. An aerial of the property was presented showing the 5 acre site of the previous food plots. The Board viewed a few different food plot mixes sold by Pheasants Forever and discussed their preferences. The Board would like to see the plot planted to something other than corn or soybeans as there is enough of that food source in the county. A planting that could include strips or borders of different food sources was preferred by the board members. Possible options would include light-seeded sorghums and a brassica mix of forage turnips, deep rooted radishes, and food grade turnips. Etzel had contacted a gentleman who does custom farming and may have an interest in planting the food plot. Etzel will discuss our needs further with him and report back at the March board meeting.

**Date for Fun Night for the Nature Center** After checking possible alternate dates for the Fun Night due to conflicts with a few people Etzel suggested the only viable option would be to hold the event on the traditional night of Saturday, March 25 or have the event after Easter. The Board members were in agreement that the evening of March 25 would work the best.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs to adjourn, carried. (all voting aye) Adjourned 8:00 p.m..

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