

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 4, 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: Etzel, Wise, Jim Allen, and Steve Clay.

Minutes from the regular session of September 6, 2017, were read. It was moved by Wrage, seconded Graff to accept the minutes as read, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

		Amount of Bill	Category Total
0001-22-6100-100-661			
Salary- Director			
Etzel, Robert	8-Sep-17	2,049.25	
	22-Sep-17	<u>2,049.25</u>	
		4,098.50	4,098.50
0001-22-6100-000-26000			
Office Supplies			
Staples	#1885699261 wireless mouse, hub	68.38	68.38
0001-6100-414-22-990			
Telephone			
Verizon	1Sep17, 484-2231 (office)	15.97	
Windstream	19Sep17, 484-2231 (office)	78.02	
	19Sep17, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>61.88</u>	
		155.87	155.87
Salary- Main Supv/Ranger		-	
Wise, Craig	8-Sep-17	1,806.40	
	22-Sep-17	<u>1,806.40</u>	
		3,612.80	3,612.80
Salary- Conserv Tech/Park Ranger			
Ryan Rieger	8-Sep-17	1,551.20	
	22-Sep-17	<u>1,551.20</u>	
		3,102.40	3,102.40
Salary- Naturalist/Park Ranger			
Roberts, Logan	8-Sep-17	1,551.20	
	22-Sep-17	<u>1,551.20</u>	
		3,102.40	3,102.40
0001-6110-101-22-224			
Salary- Seasonal			
Bergmann, Sandy	8-Sep-17	676.88	
	22-Sep-17	733.88	
Krukow, Collin	8-Sep-17	280.13	
Larson, Lane	8-Sep-17	497.38	
	22-Sep-17	534.75	
Thompson, Tyler	8-Sep-17	<u>278.13</u>	
		3,001.15	3,001.15
TOTAL ALL SALARIES- MAINTENANCE		12,818.75	
0001-22-6110-000-25050			

Fuels			
New Century FS	11Sep17, #B0003612426, 100.0 gls unleaded gasoline @ \$2.1371/gl	213.71	
	state mtr fuel tax @ \$0.3050 ea	30.50	
	FET (LUST)	0.10	
	Hazmat fee	<u>0.90</u>	
		245.21	245.21
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh Minor Repair			
Carquest	#14452-153593 brakleen, antifreeze, gear oil, wiper blades ('05 Dodge)	47.55	
Central Iowa Farm Store	#R63825M hyd hose- tractor	114.87	
	#R63433M hyd hose, fan, oil seal, clip, freight	162.64	
J&V Auto Parts	#511089 oil filter - '14 Ford pickup	5.06	
Van Wall Equipment	#671813 For JD 4030, o-ring, gasket, snap ring, seal	<u>56.91</u>	
		387.03	387.03
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Cooley Pumping	#72164 Ike's 22Aug- 18Sep17	110.00	
	#72163 OCP- beach 21Aug- 17Sep17	220.00	
Dolezal Farm Supply	#0111174 all purpose lawn seed (Ike's)	52.00	
Harrison Fishery, Inc.	#7024 600 - 6" - 8" walleye	1,500.00	
Hrabak Lumber	#0181188 Ike's- stakes; #0181218 lumber, stakes-Ike's; #0181223 stakes, lumber (Ike's)	217.69	
Iowa Fire Equipment	#297921 Ann Inspect- fire alarm panel (NC)	325.30	
Manatt's	#872157 10 CY 4000 mix concrete- Ike's- ADA Parking	1,212.50	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, TFCP 19Sep17 meter read, for Aug/Sep, Prev: 16K, Current: 16K, Used: 0K	37.00	
	Water, OCP- West 19Sep17 meter read, Prev: 1242K, Current: 1244K, Used: 2K	46.00	
	Water, OCP- East 19Sep17 meter read, Prev: 645K, Current: 673K, Used: 28K	187.75	
	Water, OCP- Residence 19Sep17 meter read, Prev: 69K, Current: 72K, Used: 3K	52.30	
Scharnweber Water Cond	5Sep17, change out 200 amp fuse (Camper's Hill) 1.5 hrs Labor @ \$112.50 per hr	168.75	
Schendel Pest Control	#01-0208738 perimeter treatment; #01-0204986 bi-monthly pest control	220.00	
Shopko	#3768 dishcloths (2) for NC @ \$7.99 ea	15.98	
	#5269 misc supplies- Fall Festival	20.25	
Tama County Extension	Regis- Wise, Rieger Cert Pesticide Applicator Training	70.00	
Tama Toledo Ace Hardware	#012567 fflapper, tank lever, lever flush	18.27	
Thomas Co., Inc.	#3085120 install water heater- main residence	<u>950.43</u>	
		5,424.22	5,424.22
0001-22-6110-000-29400 Uniforms			
Carpenter Uniform	#448697 Two uniform shirts w/patches (Roberts)	122.50	
Lands' End Outfitters	#SIN5300457 SS mesh polo (3), Interlock polo (LS)	<u>225.00</u>	

	(3), Pkt Super T (3)		
		347.50	347.50
0001-22-6110-000-43100			
Electricity			
Grundy County REC	OCP thru 1Sep16, 12,437 KWH- meter #1		
	1,243 kwh- meter #2 (NC)		
	security lights	156.00	
	Monthly service charge	29.00	
	energy charge	1,160.41	
	PCA public bldgs	159.82	
	Aux meter	113.11	
	PCA Auxilliary meter	15.97	
Traer Municipal Utilities	TFCP thru 18Sep17, 350 KWH	<u>95.27</u>	
		1,729.58	1,729.58
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		\$25,275.04
From Nature Center Trust			
0031-22-6120-000-29272			
Main & Supplies			
Earl May Nursery & Garden Center	#113-002 Memroail Tree- OCP Cleveland Pear- donated by SWCD	274.00	
Fareway Stores	#792116, cups (3 oz) for Fall Festival	6.58	
OTC Brands, Inc.	Misc- Env Educ supplies	<u>83.87</u>	
	Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust Account		\$364.45
	Total All Bills Submitted		\$25,639.49

Moved by Graff, seconded Keenan to approve bills as presented, carried. (All voting aye).

Reports and Correspondence. Maintenance Report Wise updated the Board on work started or completed during September. The work included: Otter Creek Park- prep for STC X-country track meet & Charley Townsley Memorial 5K, clean fire rings, remove beach ropes, cut brush, various machinery repairs, Wolf Creek Trail- replace missing signs, Ike's Tract- move dirt piles, spread rock, seed along ADA concrete walkways, rock parking lot, TF Clark Park- repair picnic tables/ **Naturalist/Park Ranger** The monthly report from the Naturalist was presented to the board. /**Staff** Etzel reported that on October 15 the transition is to the off-season. All seasonal rangers will be done for the season./ **Stump Removal (OCP)** Etzel has met with two stump removal businesses. He has plans to contact one other contractor to get a price from him. He reminded the Board the stump grinding would occur in the spring.

Izaak Walton Shooting Range Jim Allen addressed the Board with concerns following the use of the range by law enforcement personnel in September. He felt the group had damaged the new belting on the 100 yard range and had significant impact on the facility including leaving a lot of shell casings, etc, after their departure. He was very disappointed as he and others had put many volunteer hours into making improvements at the range and to see them impacted so severely was disheartening. Etzel reported that he did not feel any malice was intended towards the range and offered alternatives to reduce or eliminate any impacts in the future. He felt the problem occurred as law enforcement qualifications generate a very high volume of firing in a short period of time, at short distances to the targets and rounds are concentrated in compact impact zones.

A lengthy discussion ensued with many opinions and ideas being brought up. It was moved by Graff, seconded Keenan to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 10-05-17A

- Whereas the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility is managed and designed for use as a recreational shooting range
- Whereas the volunteer hours to make the facility a nice facility is greatly appreciated

- Whereas after several incidents it has become apparent the range is not designed to withstand law enforcement qualification and training shoots

Be it resolved that under the portion of the Definitions for Legitimate Use for the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility, item #3 Law Enforcement that this section shall be removed from the document, carried. (all voting aye)

Lawn Mowers The Board reviewed quotes submitted to purchase a new hydrostatic out-front mower to replace the 2013 Kubota F3680. The following quotes were presented:

All quotes include a trade-in of the 2013 Kubota F3680 (1,203 hrs)

Company	Mowing Unit	Quote
Central Iowa Farm Store	Kubota F3990 mower	\$16,000
Lowry Equipment	Kubota F3990 mower	\$17,425
Van-Wall Equipment, Inc.	John Deere 1580 TerrainCut	\$12,922

Wise pointed out that for \$495 an additional 12 months of coverage and up to 1,000 hrs of use comprehensive warranty protection is offered. He suggested to the Board that this might be wise to purchase.

After short discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan that the John Deere 1580 TerrainCut be purchased from Van-Wall Equipment, Inc. for the quoted \$12,922 price and the comprehensive warranty protection be added to the purchase for \$495, carried. (all voting aye)

Transition to the future Etzel addressed the Board regarding his eventual retirement. It is highly likely that he will be retiring in late April or early May of 2019. He pointed to the need to use the remaining months to plan a smooth transition for the County Conservation Board effort. He shared that many counties have been hiring a person as a Deputy Director for 2- 6 months prior to the retirement date to gradually orient the person to the role of Director. He suggested the Board begin discussions with the Board of Supervisors to make this happen. This would occur during Fiscal Year 2019 so would need to be included in the budget presentation in January, 2018. Staff will be meeting to discuss different aspects of the program to make recommendations to the board and be involved in the transition. He suggested the Conservation Board consider having some special meetings to discuss plotting the future course of the conservation effort.

Izaak Walton Shooting Facility Atchison asked his fellow board members if it would be acceptable to reserve the range for a recognition event for the valuable contributions of the volunteers involved in the recently completed ADA accessible project at the facility. He would like to reserve the range on a Sunday and host a picnic for the people by serving grilled foods and using the range. Board members threw money into the hat to fund the recognition. Atchison will find a date that will work best. He indicated that it may have to be next spring if a date that will work cannot be found in the next couple weeks.

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

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR