

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 6, 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, Wise, Kendall Jordan, Nick Sawyer, Cliff Foster, Kole Northland, Don Vorwald, Brent Lechtenberg.

Minutes from the regular session of August 2, 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	11-Aug-17	2,049.25	
	25-Aug-17	<u>2,049.25</u>	
		4,098.50	4,098.50
0001-22-6100-000-26000 Office Supplies			
Staples Credit Plan	#1870494371 replacement battery Back UPS Pro, busines card sleeves	104.34	104.34
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephones			
Verizon	1Aug17, 484-2231 (office)	16.03	
Windstream	18Aug17, 484-2231 (office)	78.02	
	18Aug17, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>60.68</u>	
		154.73	154.73
0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction			
CCPOA of Iowa, Inc.	Regis- Etzel, Wise for CCPOA Workshop 10- 12Oct17	80.00	80.00
0001-22-6100-00048000 Dues & Membership			
CCPOA of Iowa, Inc.	Dues for FY '18 CCPOA (Etzel, Wise)	30.00	30.00
Salary- Main Supv/Ranger		-	
Wise, Craig	11-Aug-17	1,806.40	
	25-Aug-17	<u>1,806.40</u>	
		3,612.80	3,612.80
Salary- Conserv Tech/Park Ranger			
Ryan Rieger	11-Aug-17	1,551.20	
	25-Aug-17	<u>1,551.20</u>	
		3,102.40	3,102.40
Salary- Naturalist/Park Ranger			
Roberts, Logan	11-Aug-17	1,551.20	
	25-Aug-17	<u>1,551.20</u>	

		3,102.40	3,102.40
0001-6110-101-22-224			
Salary- Seasonal			
Bergmann, Sandy	11-Aug-17	936.94	
	25-Aug-17	669.76	
Krukow, Collin	11-Aug-17	738.00	
	25-Aug-17	738.00	
Larson, Lane	11-Aug-17	184.00	
	25-Aug-17	485.88	
Thompson, Tyler	11-Aug-17	738.00	
	25-Aug-17	<u>738.00</u>	
		5,228.58	<u>5,228.58</u>
TOTAL ALL SALARIES- MAINTENANCE		15,046.18	
0001-22-6110-000-25050 Mt Veh- fuels			
New Century FS, Inc.	#B0003612073, 3Jul17, 239.8 gls DXGOLD @ \$1.9281/gl	459.98	
	FET (LUST)	0.24	
	Hazmat fee	2.16	
	#B0003612220, 3Aug17 203.9 gls DX Gold @ \$1.8872/gl	384.80	
	FET (LUST)	1.84	
	Hazmat fee	0.20	
	#B0003612219 280.6 gls unleaded w/eth @ \$1.5359/gl	430.97	
	Hazmat fee	2.53	
	FET (LUST)	0.28	
	State Mtr Vehicle tax @ \$0.29 per gl	81.37	
	#B0003612312 257.3 gls unleADED W/ETH @ \$1.5679/GL	403.42	
	Hazmat fee	2.32	
	FET (LUST)	0.26	
	State Mtr Vehicle tax @ \$0.29 per gl	74.62	
	#B0003612311, 135.5 gls DXGLD @ \$1.8473/gl	250.31	
	Hazmat fee	1.22	
	FET (LUST)	<u>0.14</u>	
		2,096.66	2,096.66
0001-22-6110-000-25350 Mt Veh- tires			
Z Line Tire & Repair	#1-113306 9x350-4 tube TR-87 (3)	33.21	33.21
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
Central Iowa Farm Store	#62485M assy pump; #19102M filters (2)	156.48	
J&V Auto Parts	#509872 hy oil, patch; #510041 lamp, quik weld putty, terminal; #510359 filters, blades	267.01	
Lowry Equipment	#12715L oil seals, fan (hst)	<u>30.99</u>	
		454.48	454.48
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &			

Supplies			
Cooley Pumping LLC	#71182 Ike's Tract 25Jul- 21Aug17	110.00	
	#71181 OCP- beach 24Jul- 20Aug17	220.00	
Evergreen Landscape Nursery	#52390 80 cy Playmate Play Area Wood Chips	1,720.00	
Hobby Lobby	#66780551 misc supplies- env educ	138.60	
Home Rental Center & Sales Co.	#59050 Ike's Tract- rental skid loader- Bobcat mini	245.00	
Hrabak Lumber	#0180020 bolts; #0180144 screws, lumber, hooks, etc; #0180147 lumber, washers		
	#0180371 plywood 1/2 CCX (2), fasteners	226.35	
Koch Bros.	#263427 contract overage 13Apr- 12Jul17, 2,057 B/W, 937 color	55.54	
Manatt's	#870840 Ike's- ADA Project 15.5 cy concrete @ \$78.25/cy yd, hauling @ \$43/T	1,879.38	
		164.54	
Menard's	#64759 misc env ed supplies	101.54	
Poweshiek Water Assoc	Water, TFCP for Jul/Aug Prev: 16K, Current: 16K, used: 0K	37.00	
	Water, OCP West for Jul/Aug, Prev: 1237K, Current:1242K, used: 5K	64.90	
	Water, OCP East for Jul/Aug , Prev:628K, Current: 645K, Used: 17K	130.00	
	Water, OCP- Main Res for Jul/Aug , Prev:65K, Current: 69K, Used: 4K	58.60	
Rieger, Ryan	Meal while attending Palmer Amaranth workshop	10.00	
Roberts, Logan	Meal while attending Palmer Amaranth workshop	10.00	
Schade Lime & Rock	18Aug17 Haul 60.56T rd stone to Otter Creek Park	439.06	
Scharnweber Water Cond.	25Jul17 pump- north loop restroom	225.00	
Tama Co. Solid Waste	Landfill fees, Jul & Aug	310.70	
Tama Toledo Ace Hardware	#012156 Misc; #012293 mouse traps, C&K neutral gal;#012335 breakers, #13122 Ike's	274.22	
VISA	#302495 small pinky mice (300), #3643742 taclite pro pant (2)	157.94	
Wendling Quarries	#697700 50.56T 1" rd stone @ \$9.90 per T	599.54	
Wise, Craig	Meal while attending Palmer Amaranth workshop	10.00	
		7,187.91	7,187.91
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Aug17, 16,006 KWH- meter #1; 2,114 kwh- meter #2 (NC)		
	Monthly service charge	29.00	
	Energy charge	1,485.19	
	PCA public bldgs	205.68	
	Aux meter	192.37	
	PCA Aux meter	27.16	
	Security lights	28.00	
	Maintenance light	128.00	
Traer Municipal Utilities	TFCP thru 15Aug17, 302 KWH	89.62	
		2,185.02	2,185.02
Total All Bills Submitted			\$ 31,471.03

Moved by Adolphs, 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 August. The work included: Otter Creek Park- repair boards- t-dock, weed eating before holiday, mow trails, road edges, lake edges, prep for STC X-country track meet, replace plexiglass on camp posts, remove interior fence posts Parcel A- Hansen Addition, paint Far Shelter, paint parking posts tow locations, Wolf Creek Trail- trim back woody vegetation and mow, Reinig Tract- cut trees along fenceline/ **Naturalist/Park Ranger** The monthly report from the Naturalist was presented to the board. /**Staff** Etzel reported that both Seasonal Conservation Aides have returned to college so the maintenance side of the operation has been reduced by 50%. Fall is always a challenging time of year with minimal staff./**Hladik Roadside Park** Etzel has met w/adjoining land owner to discuss his needs/goals for the pasture ground relative to the roadside park. Etzel will be gathering information on the roadside park property for consideration later this fiscal year./ **Stump Removal (OCP)** Etzel has contacted two stump removal businesses. He has met with one person who does the work. He will be meeting with the other contractor at a later date. He recommended to the board that any stump removal should occur next spring allowing conservation board staff to cut down the stumps to within 4" – 6" of the ground this late fall/early winter. This will reduce the cost of grinding the stumps.



Staff 2017 (l to r): Collin Krukow, Bob Etzel, Tyler Thompson, Craig Wise, Logan Roberts, Ryan Rieger, Sandi Bergmann. (Missing: Lane Larson)

Water Retention Structure (Easement Requested) Cliff Foster, NRCS, spoke to the board regarding a project adjoining Otter Creek Lake & Park along its west boundary. The project, a water retention structure, will be placed near the property line fence between the park and the Sawyer property. Because of the lay of the land the center line of dam falls 100' west of the property line. An outlet pipe will extend into the park property an estimated five feet. The Sawyers will need an easement to construct and maintain the end of the outlet.

After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage that an easement be granted pursuant to the Sawyers paying for attorney fees to draft the agreement and record the document, carried. (all voting aye)

Izaak Walton Shooting Range Kole Northland, representing the Meskwaki Nation Police Department, approached the board seeking an exception to the range rule regarding steel targets on the range. Current range rules indicate that paper targets only are allowed on the range. He explained that while peace officers only have to qualify annually he would like to see additional and ongoing training provided to officers in the area to enhance their response to critical situations. The Meskwaki Nation PD is willing to acquire steel training targets similar to targets used at peace officer training facilities in the state such as the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. He indicated the targets are more specialized and more durable for ongoing training. The targets are designed to deflect all rounds into the ground. The targets

would only be on site during qualification and training exercises as overseen by an officer serving as the range officer. They will be stored with the Meskwaki Nation PD.



The crew from Van Hamme Construction made the pour go really fast with their extensive experience in concrete work.

Concerns were shared regarding ricochets and damage to the turf (due to slugs shot from the prone position) and wooden support posts at the shooting embankments caused by previous use of the range by law enforcement. Also voiced were concerns that if law enforcement is allowed to use steel targets why shouldn't it be extended to recreational shooting.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan that the use of steel targets will be allowed for peace officer qualifications

at the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility, overseen by a qualified range officer provided by the Meskwaki Nation PD, with the contingency that the use may be suspended at any time if any problems are experienced through the use of the range for qualification and training shoots, carried. (Roll call vote: Adolphs- aye, Atchison- nay, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye)



A big thank you to the folks that volunteered to complete the handicap accessible project at the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility. Shown at the pour of August 31 are from L to R: Steve Clay, Allan Atchison, Steve Van Hamme, Paul Van Hamme, Luiz Luna, Bob Mullen, Tim Van Hamme, Jim Allen. Missing in photo: Nathan Wrage. Also a special thanks to Lanny Hoskey who donated skid loader time to make the project a reality.

Vorwald Memorial Flag Pole Don Vorwald addressed the board regarding the flag pole erected near the boat landing at Otter Creek Lake and Park. He was hopeful the Board was happy with the flag pole. He thanked Brian Graff for donating his time and machinery to remove stone and soil for the structure around the site. The Board thanked Don for his donation of time and materials and all were in agreement that the flag pole was an attractive addition to the park.

Land Acquisition The Board discussed a possible land acquisition. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan that the Board enter into closed session as allowed by Chapter 21.5 (j), Code of Iowa to discuss particular real estate, motion carried by roll call vote. (Roll call vote: Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye) The Board entered into closed session at 8:04 p.m.. Allowed in the closed session were: Adolphs, Atchison, Keenan, Wrage, Etzel, Wise, Jordan and Lechtenberg.

It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan to return to open session, motion carried. (Roll call vote: Adolphs- aye, Atchison- aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye). Returned to open session at 8:32 p.m..

It was moved by Keenan, seconded Wrage the Conservation Board proceed with acquiring the property, carried by roll call vote. (Roll call vote: Adolphs- aye, Atchison- nay, Keenan- aye, Wrage- aye)

Walleye Word has been received from Harrison Fishery that they are willing to deliver walleye to Otter Creek Lake at last year's prices and will hold the price for a three year period. Any delivery charge will be waived. They will deliver the



Solar Eclipse Viewing: Sixty people came to the Nature Center on August 21 to view the solar eclipse.

walleye in October after the water temperature drops slowing predator activity. Harrison will deliver 600, 6"- 8" walleye for \$1,500. The Board was happy with this offer and instructed Etzel to order the fish.

FEMA Reimbursement- Wolf Creek Trail A check totaling \$161,293.18 had been received recently from the State of Iowa for partial reimbursement of funds expended to repair the Wolf Creek Trail. Etzel reported the total funds expended for the trail repair totaled \$189,756.68 (\$165,923.99 paid from the LAD Account and \$23,832.69 from the conservation board budget). After short discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage, that the Conservation Board shall request the Supervisors place the \$161,293.28 into the LAD account, carried. (all voting aye)

Fall Festival The Board discussed the rapidly approaching Fall Festival slated for Otter Creek Lake and Park/Tama County Nature Center on Sunday, October 8, from 12 noon- 4 p.m.. Various ideas were exchanged.

Camping Policy Discussion Etzel suggested the Board consider changing the long-standing policy regarding tent camping at Otter Lake & Park for the 2018 season. He did not request a decision at this board meeting but proposed the Board discuss it through the winter months. The current policy states the only way a tent can camp in the RV camp section at the park is if it is accompanying an approved RV camping unit, must camp on the site occupied by the RV unit and not take up another RV site, and must get the approval from the on-duty Park Ranger before pitching. Otherwise tents must camp in the tent area located in the SW portion of the park. This policy has become antiquated, unique to Otter Creek Lake and Park, and the common feeling among the staff is to allow tents into the RV section. He suggested that if the Board decides to allow tents into the NE sector of the park (current RV section) they should have uniform camp fees for all units (RV or tent) camping in the NE sector of the park which is currently \$17 per night per adult living unit. Short discussion was pursued with any decision tabled to a future board meeting.



T.F. Clark Park Adolphs inquired why the swing set at T.F. Clark Park was located so far away from the other play area at the park. She also felt improvements to the park's play equipment was needed. Etzel will do an assessment of the equipment and report back at a future board meeting.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage to adjourn, carried. (all voting aye) Adjourned 9:35 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR