

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at the Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Lake & Park. The meeting was called to order by Chair Keenan at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Atchison, Keenan, Wacha and Wrage. Also present: Etzel and Ryan Rieger.

Minutes from the regular session of January 9, 2019, were read. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Atchison 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-Jan-19	2,123.96	
	25-Jan-19	2,123.96	
		4,247.92	4,247.92
0001-22-6100-000-26100			
Magazines/Books			
Traer Star-Clipper	1 yr subscription	48.00	48.00
0001-22-6100-000-41400			
Telephone			
Verizon	1Jan19 Office	15.87	
Windstream	18Jan19, 484-2231 (office)	78.42	
	18Jan19, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>42.37</u>	
		136.66	136.66
0001-22-6100-000-42200			
School of Instruction			
IAN	Registration- Roberts Spring 2019 IAN Workshop- Polk County	66.00	
ISAC	Registration- Etzel 2019 Spring ISAC Conference 14- 15Mar19	<u>190.00</u>	
		256.00	256.00
Salary- Main Supervisor		-	
Wise, Craig	11-Jan-19	1,920.80	
	25-Jan-19	1,920.80	
		3,841.60	3,841.60
Salary- Conserv Tech/Park Ranger			
Ryan Rieger	11-Jan-19	1,618.40	
	25-Jan-19	1,618.40	
		3,236.80	3,236.80
Salary- Naturalist/Park Ranger			
Roberts, Logan	11-Jan-19	1,618.40	
	25-Jan-19	1,618.40	
		3,236.80	3,236.80
	TOTAL ALL PAYROLL	10,315.20	

0001-22-6110-000-25050 Mt Vh- fuel			
Mid Iowa Cooperative	#321076 146.6 gals gasohol @ \$1.5387 per gal	225.57	
	30 gals #1 fuel dyed @ \$2.2884 per gal	68.65	
	42.8 gals diesel Dyed @ \$1.9769 per gal	<u>84.61</u>	
		378.83	378.83
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
J&V Auto	#526110 hose end fittings (2), hyd hose, 5 gal Dex III	172.47	
Van Wall Equipment	#1062981 filter, main kits; #1073705 battery, #1079903 sprocket	<u>345.97</u>	
		518.44	518.44
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
B&G HVAC, Inc.	#28306 compressor- NC heat pump; #28279 service call- heat pump NC	1,563.00	
Hrabak Lumber	#011388 2x10x8 #1 (6), 2x10x12' #1 (6)	185.64	
Iowa Prison Industries	#950281 48" x 48" sign- Oxbow Bottoms Wildlife Area	242.88	
Koch Bros, Inc.	#321597 10/13/18- 01/12/19 984 B/W, 1,287 Color	75.98	
Menard's	#3537 2x4" (3), batteries, soap, cool clean, drain cock, ice melt	98.03	
	#75517 pipe wrap, roof control; #77496 LED strip, misc; #77497 white cord	648.67	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, OCP- West, 21Jan19 meter read, Prev: 1286K, Cur: 1286K, Used: 0K	37.00	
	Water- OCP Residence, 21Jan19 meter read, Prev: 121K, Curr: 125K, Used 4K	58.60	
	Water-OCP East, 21Jan19, Prev: 813, Current: 814K, Used: 1K	41.50	
Tama Co Solid Waste	31Jan19 Landfill fees- Jan	40.25	
Tama Toledo Ace Hardware	15Jan19 latex deck stain (2)	53.98	
VISA	27Jan18 Walmart waxworms, night crawlers	7.82	

	(for NC animals)		
	27Jan19 Pet Supplies Plus misc supplies for NC critters	238.35	
Wobeter Real Estate	#ML190102 appraisal- Maria Hladik Roadside Park	<u>600.00</u>	
		3,891.70	3,891.70
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Jan19, 6,087 KWH- meter #1, Meter #2 (NC), 4,413 kwh		
	Monthly service charge	39.00	
	Energy charge	657.85	
	PCA public buildings	-23.13	
	Auxillary meter	294.79	
	PCA aux meter	-16.77	
	Maintenance light	124.00	
	Security lights	<u>28.00</u>	
		1103.74	<u>1,103.74</u>
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		20,896.49

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

Reports and Correspondence. Maintenance Report Rieger updated the Board on work started or completed during January. The work included: brush (invasive) removal, mechanical repair, snow removal. / **Naturalist Report** The Naturalist Report was shared with the Board regarding January programming. Weather impacted some of the programs forcing cancellations (93 people reached). / **Americorps Iowa 4-H Environmental Education Grant** Reported that no one has come forward to participate. Efforts will continue to find the person interested in gaining experience through the program. / **DNR Listening Session** The Iowa DNR will be hosting a "listening session" at the Tama County Nature Center starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. The meeting is one of several scattered across the state where DNR staff will provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and answer questions posed by those in attendance. / **Meetings attended** Staff attended a District 1 IACCB meeting in Polk County on January 10. Roberts attended a Dermestid Beetle Taxidermy Class on January 31. / **FY '20 Budget Request** Etzel reported that the budget was presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 14. The Supervisors were not agreeable to adding a staff position during the fiscal year. Etzel encouraged the Board to continue seeking



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the sorely needed position in FY '21. Eliminating the added staff position dropped the budget request from \$642,477 to \$567,547.

Maria Hladik Roadside Park An appraisal was presented to the Board concerning the Maria Hladik Roadside Park located in Section 15, Howard Township. The estimated value of the property was \$7,800 for the 3.19 acre tract. The Board is considering options for the property as the need for a roadside park (aka rest stop) has diminished greatly since it was donated to the county in November, 1974.

Transition to New Director The Board has received applications from fourteen people interested in being hired as the new Director. Deadline for applications was February 8. The Board was pleased with the wide variety of experience of the candidates. The goal is to determine the four persons

who will be invited for face-to-face interviews. It is hoped that a job offer can be extended by the end of the month with the Director starting around April 1.

After discussion of several conservation topics it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wacha to adjourn, carried. (all voting aye) Adjourned 7:35 p.m.

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR