

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Chairman Wrage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Anderson, Benda, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Don Storjohann, Todd Kearney, Jerry Ebersole, Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of November 4, 2009, were read. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan to accept the minutes as presented, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

<b>BILLS SUBMITTED, BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 2, 2009</b>			
<b>TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND</b>		<b>Amount of Bill</b>	<b>Category Total</b>
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41200</b>			
<b>Postage</b>			
Etzel, Robert	As per nine (9) receipts	29.00	29.00
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41300</b>			
<b>Employee Mileage</b>			
Adolphs, Carolyn	For 2009, 560 mi @ \$0.37/mi	207.20	
Anderson, Eugene	For 2009, 165 mi @ \$0.37/mi	61.05	
Benda, Roger	For 2009, 119 mi @ \$0.37/mi	56.61	
Keenan, John	For 2009, 170 mi @ \$0.37/mi	62.90	
Wrage, Nathan	For 2009, 504 mi @ \$0.37/mi	186.48	
		574.24	574.24
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>			
Iowa Telecom	17Nov09, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 payphone	66.48	
	17Nov09, 484-5314 (shop)	58.54	
Verizon	16Nov09, 484-2231 (office)	14.13	
	19Nov09, 484-4157 (payphone)	11.79	
	16Nov09, 484-5314 (shop)	11.12	
		162.06	162.06
<b>0001-22-6100-000-42200</b>			
<b>School of Instruction</b>			
IACCBE	Winterfest registration: Dolash, Etzel, Wise	275.00	275.00
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223</b>			
<b>Salary- Main Supervisor</b>			
Wise, Craig	13-Nov-09	1520.00	
	27-Nov-09	1520.00	
		3040.00	3040.00
<b>0001-6110-101-22-226</b>			
<b>Salary- Conservation Tech</b>			
Dolash, Ron	13-Nov-09	1401.60	
	27-Nov-09	1401.60	
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25050</b>			
<b>Fuels</b>			
New Century FS, Inc.	1Oct09, #349235 262.0 gals unleaded gasohol @ \$1.9322/gl	506.24	
	State MFT gasohol @ \$0.19/gal	49.78	

	FET (LUST)	0.26	
	Haz mat handling fee	<u>2.36</u>	
		558.64	558.64
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair</b>			
Carquest	#14452-10460 oil, air & oil filter;#14452-10499 oil, putty, scrtach color	113.02	
J&V Auto Parts	#402901 fuel & oil filter, oil, spark plug	126.60	
	#403068 trans fluid (2), grease (2), EX out	21.26	
	#403374 spark plug	11.48	
Southard Implement Co.	#02-51182 Repair cylinder from dump truck	136.30	
	#227714 Pin (2)	8.06	
	227307 pin (2), spring pin (2), oil & fuel filters	39.27	
		455.99	455.99
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Ar-Jay Bldg Products, Inc.	#0735055 replacement parts for Juno light (NC)	82.00	
Etzel, Robert	22Oct09 Reimburse regis expense- District 1 meeting- Hamilton Co/	8.00	
M. Gervich & Sons	#205358 4'x8' sheet 3/16" plate (repair- box of garbage truck)	142.92	
Marion Brush Mfg & Janitorial Supply	#00070299 kitchen towels (2 cs)	68.08	
Marshalltown Water Works	#200911094860 water test- west well- colisure analysis	70.00	
Menard's	#12810 water filters- 2 pk (6), duct tape (3 pk)	38.41	
Poweshiek Water Supply	Water- TFCP for November (20Nov09 meter read, Prev: 4000, Current: 4,000)	34.00	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	#2650568 6" x 16' evergreen redwood decking (So Loop T-dock repair)	40.00	
Tama Co Highway Department	#160 Wise- drug, alcohol screen; #164 Hearung tests- Dolash, Etzel	93.34	
Waterloo Boats	#10211 oil filter, 4 stroke oil	22.58	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B74421 porcelain lamp holder, oil abosorbent (50#)	<u>15.78</u>	
		615.11	615.11
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity</b>			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 3Nov09, 7,992 KWH- meter #1	688.00	
	2,448 kwh- meter #2 (NC)	105.26	
	security light charge	18.00	
	main. light charges	96.00	
Traer Municipal Utilities	TFCP thru 24Nov09, 408 KWH	<u>103.09</u>	
		1010.35	1010.35
<b>0001-22-6110-000-63000 Ag &amp; Horticultural</b>			
Monte Motor Parts	#1521 ( <b>Partial Payment</b> ) Kubita M6040HDC Tractor, Ser #52779	37200.00	
	Trade in- 1978 Ford 5600 tractor, Ser #C574829	-8950.00	
	Portion paid through Mach & vehicle fund	<u>-1200.00</u>	

		27050.00	27050.00
		<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>	
			<b>33,770.39</b>
<b>TO BE PAID FROM REAP Account</b>			
<b>0023-22-0210-000-60096 Capital Projects</b>			
Kenkel Trust Account	Acquisition- Parcel D (partial payment)- Hansen Addition	35,000.00	
		<b>Total Bills Submitted, REAP Account</b>	
			<b>35,000.00</b>
<b>TO BE PAID FROM Motor Vehicle Fund</b>			
<b>2000-22-6100-000-63500 Capital Projects</b>			
Monte Motor Parts	#1521 (Partial Payment) Kubota M6040HDC Tractor, Ser #52779	1,200.00	
	#1520 Kubota F3680-F front mount mower Ser #12462	16,000.00	
	Trade in 2006 Kubota F2880 mower	-8,100.00	
		9,100.00	
		<b>Total Bills Submitted, Motor Vehicle Fund</b>	
			<b>9,100.00</b>
<b>TO BE PAID FROM LAD Account</b>			
<b>0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital Projects</b>			
Clappsaddle-Garber Assoc, Inc.	30Nov09 Inv#27065, Wolf Creek Trail Renovation Constr. services (98% complete)	606.00	
Kenkel Trust Account	Acquisition- Parcel D (partial payment)- Hansen Addition	100,257.09	
S.L. Baumeier Co.	Pay estimate #4 as recommended by CGA Final minus retainage	897.75	
S.L. Baumeier Co.	Pay estimate #5 as recommended by CGA Final - retainage	8,018.27	
		109,779.11	
		<b>Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account</b>	
			<b>109,779.11</b>
		<b>Total All Bills Submitted</b>	
			<b>187,649.50</b>

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

**Reports and Correspondence. Staff /Work.** Wise reported on work projects during November including: Service equipment, playground safety surfacing, planting trees, receiving new tractor and mower, repair tables at TF Clark Park, clean rain gutters, move dirt into sites #10 & 12 North Loop camp area/ **FEMA construction update** Work continues on the FEMA projects with the north wetland nearing completion, contractor is working on removing silt from two silt ponds this week. **An extension** has been granted on all FEMA projects of the county conservation board into May, 2010./ **Hansen Addition Acquisition** Parcel D was closed upon on November 20. This adds another 59.97 acres to the park property. It is hoped that the last remaining parcel can be closed on during early 2010./**West well- Otter Creek Park** Etzel will be meeting again during December with Poweshiek Water Assoc. staff to consider other options. The Board members felt that hooking both distribution systems in Otter Creek Park to PWA service would be in the best interests of park users./**Watershed Development & Planning Assistance**

**Grant** Etzel will be meeting with Jeff Tisl, IDALS, and Larry Jones, NRCS, on December 8 to organize a grant to be submitted in January.

### **Wolf Creek Nature Trail- Snowmobiles**

Don Storjohann, Garwin, addressed the board regarding snowmobiles being allowed on Wolf Creek Nature Trail. Storjohann had many concerns regarding any action allowing motorized use of the trail. He touched on the following:

- Safety of trail users was the major concern that he had. Introducing snowmobiles that can travel at such a high speed relative to non-motorized users in a restricted corridor is dangerous.
- Damage to the trail infrastructure was also of concern. He feared that the bridges, asphalt, benches, etc. may become damaged.
- Wolf Creek Trail committee. He pointed out that he is a member of the trail committee but that he was speaking for himself and not for the committee. However, he did indicate that two other committee members felt the same as he regarding snowmobile use of the trail. He shared the battles the committee had to go through to secure easements to allow the trail to be built. One adjoining landowner had stressed the value of the trail corridor for wildlife before leasing his portion of the corridor to the county for trail use.
- He also felt that snowmobiles can run pretty much wherever they wish in the county and that it is nice to know that at least one 2.6 mile stretch of trail is available for peaceful recreational use during the winter.
- The participation of local citizens in volunteering hundreds of hours of donated labor and materials as well as financial support of the trail was noted. He stressed that during the negotiation, acquisition and construction phases of the trail that no snowmobilers contributed. He also pointed out that use by snowmobiles was never envisioned by the trail committee.

Two members from Central Iowa Snowmobilers, helped answer some questions of Storjohann. Board members discussed his concerns and thanked him for his input.

Relative to use of the Wolf Creek Trail by snowmobiles Etzel shared that concerns had been raised by Tama County's liability insurer and the county attorney following the November board meeting. He had been communicating with them but nothing had been resolved. He will continue to work with the two parties relative to the motion passed by the Conservation Board at their November meeting. The Board and the officers of Central Iowa Snowmobilers were in agreement that because of this hang up that snowmobiles will not be using the trail this year.

Jerry Ebersole indicated that it is important that the two attorneys discuss their concerns with David Downing, Iowa DNR, and Dale Vaghts, V & V Insurance (underwriter of the state snowmobile liability insurance policy).

The Board instructed Etzel to continue pursuing resolution of this issue with the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool and the county attorney.

### **Wolf Creek Nature Trail Renovation**

Documents presented for renovation work on the Wolf Creek Nature Trail were discussed. The following documents were received from Mike Bearden, Clapsaddle-Garber Associates, Inc.

- Pay estimate #4 for recent work completed on the project totaling \$897.75
- Pay estimate #5 final payment on the project in the amount of the retainage, totaling \$8,018.27
- Acceptance of the Engineer's Statement of Completion

It was moved by Anderson, seconded Keenan to accept the Statement of Completion as submitted by Mike Bearden, Clapsaddle-Garber, carried. (All voting aye)

It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan to accept the request for Pay estimate #4 for \$897.75, carried. (All voting aye)

It was moved by Benda, seconded Anderson to accept the request for Pay estimate #5 for \$8,018.27, carried. (All voting aye) [Note: This claim will be held for thirty days before payment as per traditional handling of retainage.]

A contribution to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation was discussed. The assistance the INHF has provided to the Board relative to the Hansen Addition Project, the wetland mitigation bank and the unsuccessful attempt to save 15 Mile Grove was discussed. It was moved by Anderson, seconded Adolphs that a \$250 membership be submitted, carried. (All voting aye)

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Anderson, seconded Keenan to adjourn, carried, Adjourned 9:00 p.m..

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VICE-CHAIR