

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Chairman Wrage called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Anderson, Benda, and Wrage. Also present: Etzel.

Minutes from the regular session of November 3, 2010, were read. It was moved by Benda, seconded Adolphs to accept the minutes as presented, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND		Amount of Bill	Category Total
0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage			
Etzel, Robert	As per two (2) receipts	3.94	3.94
0001-22-6100-000-41300 Employee Mileage			
Adolphs, Carolyn	For 2010, 280 mi @ \$0.37/mi, 280 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	204.40	
Anderson, Eugene	For 2010, 90 mi @ \$0.37/mi, 90 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	73.80	
Benda, Roger	For 2010, 102 mi @ \$0.37/mi, 85 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	75.99	
Keenan, John	For 2010, 68 mi @ \$0.37/mi, 51 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	48.11	
Wrage, Nathan	For 2010, 252 mi @ \$0.37/mi, 252 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	<u>206.64</u>	
		608.94	608.94
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Iowa Telecom	17Nov10, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 payphone	124.98	
	17Nov10, 484-5314 (shop)	61.37	
Verizon	16Nov10, 484-2231 (office)	18.65	
	19Nov10, 484-4157 (payphone)	11.85	
	16Nov10, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>11.15</u>	
		228.00	228.00
0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction			
Etzel, Robert	18Nov10 Parking- ISAC, 10Nov10 Parking- Vision Iowa	11.00	
IACCBE	Winterfest registration: Dolash, Etzel, Wise	<u>310.00</u>	
		321.00	321.00
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor			
Wise, Craig	12-Nov-10	1524.00	
	26-Nov-10	<u>1524.00</u>	
		3048.00	3,048.00
0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conservation Tech			
Dolash, Ron	12-Nov-10	1401.60	
	26-Nov-10	<u>1401.60</u>	

		2803.20	2,803.20
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
Central Iowa Farm Store	#93651 cartridge (2), hyd oil	146.10	
J&V Auto Parts	#418883 muffler, tail pipe, u-bolt- '95 Chev PU	47.22	
	#418483 oil (2), oil filter (2), antifreeze, hose end (2)	146.51	
	#419148 fule fil (2), wiper blade, wire clamps	150.27	
	#419235 oil absorb (4)	26.36	
	#417738 cable ties	21.18	
Southard Implement Co.	#02-237131 batteries (2); #02-236526 oil filter, fuel filter, etc.	344.05	
		881.69	881.69
0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools			
J&V Auto Parts	#41949 wrench	41.51	41.51
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Ben Meadows	#1016448939 drip torches (2), fire pump (4), truck bracket for torches	928.99	
Hrabak Lumber	#0177820-IN 5/4x6x12' cedar lumber (16); 1x12x8' cedar	272.80	
Premier Office Equip., Inc.	#74364 Premier Platinum Monthly Plan for Sharp AR-651 copier (Nov)	46.00	
Schade Lime & Rock	Trucking 119.02T to Parcel C- Hansen Add-parking lot; 45.2T Duffus Landing	1131.69	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	#2660533 cable tie, nails, screws, sealant;#2660562 wire, clips, fence posts	350.09	
Staples	#H7732875001 ink toner, calendars (shop, office)	55.56	
Tama Co Highway Department	#203 Hearing tests- Dolash, Etzel	89.84	
Tama Co. Solid Waste Disposal	Landfill fees- Oct	71.10	
Wendling Quarries	#426835 60.02T 1-1/2" clean stone, 104.2 T macadam	1527.25	
		4473.32	4,473.32
0001-22-6110-000-43000 LP Gas			
New Century FS	Pre-paid LP purchase, Ticket #3875 1Nov10		
	1,590 gals LP @ \$1.599/gal = \$2,464.67 LPER = \$7.95, HAZ = \$14.31		
	Shop= 300 gals, Main residence = 290 gals, hog shed= 375, shower= 175		
	east well house = 450 Begin Bal = \$7,542.39, Current bal = \$5,077.72		
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Nov10, 8,259 KWH- meter #1	709.24	
	1,881 kwh- meter #2 (NC)	100.83	
	security light charge	18.00	
	main. light charges	96.00	
		924.07	924.07
0001-22-0210-000-61094 Bldgs & Perm Imp			

Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc.	#27880 survey- Hansen Addition- Parcel C	1266.00	<u>1,266.00</u>
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		14,599.67
	Total All Bills Submitted		14,599.67

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

Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report Etzel presented information on work started or completed in November including: construct parking lot- Parcel C-Hansen Addition, install snow fence in park, repair vandalism at Ike's Tract, clean Duffus' Landing, mow trails at Columbia Wildlife and Wolf Creek Trail, Close TF Clark Park for winter, service work on machinery and motor vehicles, close east and west sides of Otter Creek Park. /**Trumpeter Swans** Etzel reported that ten trumpeter swans (3 juveniles) had been staying at Otter Creek lake the past two weeks. He remarked on the beauty and size of the swans./**Hansen Addition- junk** Work has been progressing on Parcel C- Hansen Addition. Most of the motor vehicles have been pulled out into the harvested bean field and several tons of random junk has been trucked from the site. Etzel is hopeful that progress will continue in getting the motor vehicles released.

Audubon Society Etzel had met with Ron Windingstad, of the Audubon Society regarding a possible project for Otter Creek Park. Audubon will fund the acquisition of materials to build a chimney swift tower to be placed near the Nature Center if a youth club or organization can be found that will provide the labor to construct the tower. Materials on chimney swifts were shared with board members. The Board concurred this would be an interesting project. Etzel will put feelers out to try and locate a local group interested in constructing the tower.

Priority Construction Projects The Board discussed projects that have been completed or started during FY '11 and what priority projects need to be addressed in the near future. The review of the projects point to the severe need for increased funding for the Capital Improvements line item in the general operational budget. The line item was previously funded at \$50,000 per year but in recent years was pared down to \$37,774. Most of the projects funded from this line item are not necessarily new structures but rather infrastructure repair and/or replacement.

The Board is concerned with deteriorating infrastructure with many structures 35- 40 years old.

The following were the projects discussed:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

	Budgeted FY '11	33,774.00
Expended to date		
Autumn Olive Removal		2,590.00
Poweshiek water into OCP		9,947.38
Wetland Delineation Report		3,200.00
Survey- Parcel C- Hansen Addition		1,266.00
	Total expended to date	17,003.38
	Place into LAD Account	<u>14,400.00</u>
	Remaining funds available for FY '11	2,370.62
1. Nature Center- rain gutters along north and west end of building		5,000.00
2. Hansen Addition- construct pond, establish native vegetation, signage (Parcel A)		5,000.00
3. Picnic Point- ADA parking, sidewalk connecting to picnic pads, retaining wall		7,500.00
4. Beach-picnic pads (renovate), also ADA sidewalk from ramp to 1st pad		5,000.00
5. Camper's Hill Restroom- repair or replace		20,000.00
6. Nature Center- repair ceiling in display room		5,000.00
	Total- Project List of Immediate Need	47,500.00

Election of Officers The election of officers for calendar year 2011 was addressed. After discussion it was moved by Benda, seconded Wrage that Adolphs serve as chairperson for 2011, carried, (all voting aye)

It was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs that Anderson serve as vice-chairman during 2011, carried. (all voting aye)

Vandalism- Izaak Walton Shooting Facility (Ike's Tract) It was reported that vandalism occurred at the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility over the weekend of November 20. Vandals had cut the chain in the parking lot and, using a motor vehicle, completely destroyed the two 100 yard shooting stations.



The Board voiced concern with the negative actions of a few at the facility.

The following are a continuous problem:
Staff is totally frustrated with the continued misuse of the facility by some shooters. This includes:

- Leaving trash, brass, hauling in TV sets, toilets, etc. and blasting them away-leaving the mess for staff to deal with
- Vandalism to the shooting stations and other structures
- Shooting from the 200 yd station and using the 100 yard station as target holders rather than sitting at the 100 yard station and using the backstop
- Blasting away at the legs of the 100 yard stations for pure pleasure

Board members discussed possible options to address the problems and how to eliminate them in the future.

On other related discussion it was reported the two backstops at the Ike's Tract had been reconstructed by Loren Dostal to make the structures more efficient at stopping projectiles.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Anderson, seconded Benda to adjourn, carried, Adjourned 8:30 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR