

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4, 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, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of July 7, 2010, were read. It was moved by Benda, seconded Keenan 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 |
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| 0001-22-6100-000- 26000 Office Supplies | | | |
| Staples Credit Plan | #E919529001 binder clips, toner, paper, labels | 121.05 | 121.05 |
| 0001-22-6100-000- 41200 Postage | | | |
| Etzel, Robert | As per two (2) receipts | 9.75 | 9.75 |
| 0001-22-6100-000- 41400 Telephones | | | |
| Iowa Telecom | 17Jul10, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone) | 125.31 | |
| | 17Jul10, 484-5314 (shop) | 61.90 | |
| Verizon | 16Jul10, 484-5314 (shop) | 10.97 | |
| | 19Jul10, 484-4157 (payphone) | 11.92 | |
| | 16Jul10, 484-2231 (office) | <u>9.65</u> | |
| | | 219.75 | 219.75 |
| 0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor | | | |
| Wise, Craig | 9-Jul-10 | 1,524.00 | |
| | 23-Jul-10 | <u>1,674.05</u> | |
| | | 3,198.05 | 3,198.05 |
| 0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary- Seasonal | | | |
| Bergmann, Sandy | 9-Jul-10 | 491.64 | |
| | 23-Jul-10 | 314.81 | |
| Brown, Rick | 9-Jul-10 | 680.00 | |
| | 23-Jul-10 | 612.00 | |
| Gettle, Clayton | 9-Jul-10 | 465.11 | |
| | 23-Jul-10 | 693.18 | |
| Schott, Rachel | 9-Jul-10 | 658.75 | |
| | 23-Jul-10 | <u>544.00</u> | |
| | | 4,459.49 | 4,459.49 |
| 0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conservation Tech. | | | |
| Dolash, Ron | 9-Jul-10 | 1,401.60 | |
| | 23-Jul-10 | <u>1,401.60</u> | |
| | | 2,803.20 | 2,803.20 |

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| 0001-22-6100-000-25050 Fuels | | | |
| New Century FS | 15Jun10 #350729 unleaded gasohol 235.1 gals @ \$2.1187/gal | 498.11 | |
| | FET (LUST) | 0.24 | |
| | SMFT | 44.67 | |
| | #350729 DX Gold ULS dyed 15 ppm 234.9 gals @ \$2.2905/gal | 538.04 | |
| | FET (LUST) | 0.23 | |
| | HAZMAT handling fee | 4.23 | |
| | | 1,085.52 | 1,085.52 |
| 0001-22-6110-000-25350 Mt Veh- Tires | | | |
| Z Line Tire & Repair | #1-63105 LT225/75R16 8-ply tire (1) | 93.62 | |
| | 9X350-4 tube TR 87 (2) | 11.98 | |
| | | 105.60 | 105.60 |
| 0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair | | | |
| Carquest of Toledo | #14452-25282 30 HD motor oil (5), blower motor | 67.62 | |
| J & V Auto Parts | #413209,#413593,#413832,#413921,#414148 misc supplies | 167.51 | |
| Monte Motor Parts | #442315 washer (8), nuts (8), bolts (8), locknuts (4) | 39.04 | |
| | Tractor weights (4) for Kubota | 700.00 | |
| | Windshield (for Kubota) | 934.45 | |
| | #442779, #442305, #442305, #442306 misc parts | 63.76 | |
| MV Motors | #10086 '89 Dodge pickup trans flush, etc. | 261.95 | |
| Southard Implment | #02-233559 washer (4), parts, shipping | 52.68 | |
| | | 2,287.01 | 2,287.01 |
| 0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools | | | |
| J&V Auto Parts | #413832 handle driver, door upholstery tool | 9.65 | 9.65 |
| 0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies | | | |
| Consumer's Energy | #30406 lower & uper heater elements for water heater at NC | 61.25 | |
| Dolezal Farm Supply | #0033996 32% catfish food (5 bags) | 90.00 | |
| Etzel, Robert | Dist 1 mtg in Marshall, Co Regis- Etzel, Wise, brown, Schott | 28.00 | |
| Fastenal | #IAMAR95401 Misc supplies, Credit memo | 60.77 | |
| Jerico Services | #0058689-IN 825 gals CaCl @ \$0.87.gal (for OCP) | 717.75 | |
| Marion Brush Mfg & Janitorial Supply | #00075295 premier towels (4), Wyp-all towels, toilet paper (4), freight | 625.14 | |
| Menard's | \$46043 20A HD plus (2), nuts, washers, sediment cart.(2), replacement cart. (2) | 58.36 | |
| New Century FS | #563359 Pathfinder II 2.5 gals (15) @ \$64.34 ea | 966.07 | |
| Poweshiek Water | TFCP through 21Jul10, Prev: 5,000; Current: 5,000, Used: 0 | 35.00 | |

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| Assoc. | | | |
| | OCP East through 21Jul10 Prev: 0, Current: 10,000, Used: 10,000 | 85.25 | |
| | OCP West through 21Jul10, Prev: 0, Current: 6,000, Used: 6,000 | 66.20 | |
| Premier Office Equip., Inc. | #71330 premier platinum plan, Sharp AR-651 copier thru 30Aug10 | 46.00 | |
| Scharnweber Water Cond. | 8Jul10 water heater thermostat | 31.50 | |
| Spahn & Rose Lumber | #2656839 4x4x12 treated (2) | 31.20 | |
| Tama Co. Solid Waste | Landfill fees- July | 88.15 | |
| Tama Florists | #53772 Memorial flowers- Bergmann funeral | 79.00 | |
| Ternus Electric | #29284 limit control stat 756-50, White Rodgers thermostat, #29317 credit memo | 37.70 | |
| Wilkerson Hardware | #B97001 breaker (2);#B87183 3V lith battery (NC);#B87582 misc | <u>83.08</u> | |
| | | 3,190.42 | 3,190.42 |
| 0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electric | | | |
| Grundy Co REC | OCP thru 1Jul10, 11,075 KWH- meter #1, 2,005- meter #2 (NC) | 1,206.65 | |
| Traer Municipal Utilities | TFCP thru 15Jul10, 260 KWH | <u>87.98</u> | |
| | | 1,294.63 | 1,294.63 |
| 0001-22-6100-000-43000 LP Gas | | | |
| New Century FS | Pre-pay contract 4,676 gals @ \$1.599/gal, incl FET and HAZMAT fees | 7,542.38 | 7,542.38 |
| 0001-22-0210-000-61094 Bldgs & Perm Imp | | | |
| Poweshiek water Assoc. | Remaining balance of PWA hooking to Otter Creek Park distribution systems | 6,829.44 | |
| Scharnweber Water Cond. | Charges to hook PWA lines to distribution systems (OCP) | <u>3,117.94</u> | |
| | | 9,947.38 | <u>9,947.38</u> |
| | Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget | | \$ 36,273.88 |
| TO BE PAID FROM Nature Center Trust Account | | | |
| 0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital Projects | | | |
| Cooley Pumping | #7135 porta potty rental 22Jun- 20Jul10 | 140.00 | |
| | Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust Account | | <u>\$140.00</u> |
| | Total All Bills Submitted | | \$ 36,413.88 |

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

Reports and Correspondence. Thanks you A thank you card was signed by board members to the Grundy-Tama Ike's for their volunteer work on July 10. The Ike's provided several hours of time and labor to remove some invasive

shrubs at Otter Creek Park. / **Staff Report** Wise presented information on work started or completed in July including: repair NC water heater, repair vandalized sign at Manatt's Landing, mobile homes have been removed from Parcel A-Hansen Addition, repair teeter-totter at TF Clark Park, clean boat ramps, mow trails at Columbia Wildlife Area, fix washouts along park roads, vehicle repair/**Wetland Delineation- Pond Project- Parcel A- Hansen Addition** Work has begun performing the wetland delineation as required by the Army Corps of Engineers./**Prairie Meadows Grant Application** A \$25,000 grant request for the Nature Center Display Component has been submitted to the County Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors will rank the projects submitted and then forward it on to Prairie Meadows./**Poweshiek Water Project** Final billing has been received on the project. The distribution system at Otter Creek Park has been functioning with no problems after the switch to PWA. Requests to reclassify the old wells have been sent to the DNR. A letter has been received reclassifying the east well but not the west well. The delay is due to clerical error at the DNR./**IOWATER Workshop** The board was reminded that an introductory IOWATER Training workshop will occur on August 28 at the Tama County Nature Center. Any person interested in taking the all day training should contact the office.

Iowa Great Places Grant The board considered the Iowa Great Places Grant Agreement for funds recently awarded. Notice has been received that a grant for \$12,163 has been awarded to help establish prairie grasses and forbs on Parcel C & D in the spring of 2011. After discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Keenan that the Board enter into an agreement with the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the \$12,163 grant, carried. (All voting aye)

Motion was made by Keenan, seconded Adolphs that Robert Etzel, Director, shall serve as the agent for Tama County in regards to the Iowa Great Places Grant Agreement and can sign documents on behalf of the board for this grant, carried. (All voting aye)

Autumn Olive Invasive Problem Wrage addressed the Board regarding his observations following volunteer work done by the Tama/Grundy County Izaak Walton Chapter on July 10. Wrage, who is a member of the Ike's Chapter, had participated in the volunteer effort. He shared that the removal of the invasive shrubs (primarily Autumn Olive and sumac) in the park will be a very daunting task. He felt the problem is severe and needs immediate attention but felt the Conservation Board does not have adequate staff and equipment to attack the problem. He shared that a wood chipper and tree shearer would be necessary pieces of equipment to attack the problem. The board further discussed the problem at hand and felt discussions with the Supervisors would be wise.

Termination of Crop Lease Two current crop leases will be coming to an end this crop season. Legal counsel has been suggested that even when a set crop lease is in place with designated terms of lease it would be wise to terminate the lease following the Code of Iowa. After short discussion it was by Anderson, seconded Benda that a letter of termination be sent to all holders of crop leases on county conservation board property at the end of the lease period as directed by the Code of Iowa, carried. (All voting aye)

Staffing Needs/Hours Required The Board discussed the current situation relative to hours required to operate the conservation board program and the mounting needs. Etzel shared a breakdown of hours required of the Director over the course of FY '10. The staff shortage has become severely amplified through the years. Discussions regarding adding another full time staff person and a part time employee have reached back more than twenty years without success. The Board discussed the needs of the program in the areas of environmental education, maintenance, ranger patrol and secretarial needs. Anderson inquired as to where the funds will come from to fund the positions. The Board discussed the issue. Board members suggested that a discussion with the Board of Supervisors is sorely needed to explore this further.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Anderson, seconded Keenan to adjourn, carried, Adjourned 8:45 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR