

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 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: Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of April 6, 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:

<b>BILLS SUBMITTED, BOARD MEETING, MAY 5, 2010</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 four (4) receipts	53.16	53.16
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>			
Iowa Telecom	17Apr10, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (pay phone)	126.35	
	17Apr10, 484-5314 (shop)	62.51	
Verizon	16Apr10, 484-2231 (office)	22.97	
	19Apr10, 484-4157 (pay phone)	12.07	
	16Apr10, 484-5314 (shop)	11.09	
		234.99	234.99
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary-Main Supervisor</b>			
Wise, Craig	2-Apr-10	1,524.00	
	16-Apr-10	1,524.00	
	30-Apr-10	1,524.00	
		4,572.00	4,572.00
<b>0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary-Conserv Tech</b>			
Dolash, Ron	2-Apr-10	1,401.60	
	16-Apr-10	1,401.60	
	30-Apr-10	1,401.60	
		4,204.80	4,204.80
<b>0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary-seasonal</b>			
Bergmann, Sandi	2-Apr-10	66.13	
Gettle, Clayton	2-Apr-10	58.94	
		125.07	125.07
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh-Minor Repair</b>			
J&V Auto Parts	#409242 hose end, oil filter	13.04	13.04
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Etzel, Robert	District 1 Mtg- Jasper County, 28Apr10 Etzel, Wise	14.00	
Grainger	#9238853734		
Hrabak Lumber	#0109986-IN	49.28	
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Contribution- Sustainable Funding Educational Campaign	250.00	
Iowa Prsn Industries	#302847 misc signs	1,018.40	
Lab Safety Supply	#1015385582 misc safety products- glasses and lenses	71.28	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	21Apr10 Water- TFCP thru 21Apr10, prev meter read: 4,000, current: 4,000	35.00	
Premier Office Equipment	#64837 Premier Platinum Plan, Sharp AR-651 copier 30Apr- 30May10	43.00	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	#2653247 strap; #2653523 bulb- 300W (2), 3/4" valve ball, GFCI receptacle	36.89	

Wendling Quarries	#402060 288.83T 1" rd stone April 1-9; #401161 119.98T 1" rd stone 31Mar10	<u>3,372.69</u>	
		4,640.54	4,890.54
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity</b>			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Apr10, 5,671 kwh- meter #1, 4,980 kwh- NC	834.44	<u>834.44</u>
<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>			
	<b>Total Bills Submitted</b>		<b>\$ 14,928.04</b>
<b>TO BE PAID FROM LAD account</b>			
<b>0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital Projects</b>			
Bear's Bulldozing, Excavating & Tiling	Inv#198 FEMA #7739, beach sand as per contract	3,375.00	
	FEMA #7739 decorative waterway as per contract	<u>2,023.08</u>	
		5,398.08	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account</b>		<b>5,398.08</b>
<b>FROM NATURE CENTER TRUST</b>			
<b>0031-22-6120-000-29672 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Des Moines YMCA Camp	Env. Ed. Activity, 20Apr09, NT- 4th grade (39 students), Dysart (35) at \$9.75 ea	721.50	721.50
<b>Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust</b>			<b>\$ 721.50</b>
	<b>Total All Bills Submitted</b>		<b>\$ 21,047.62</b>

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

**Reports and Correspondence. Donations** During the past month several donations were received. Donations of cash, time and/or materials were received from Tama SWCD, Boy Scout Troop 391, Cub Scout Troop 304, Lennox Foundation, and Charles Bartosh./ **Logo Update** Etzel had met with Molly Clubb, Mo Co Creative Services on Tuesday to discuss the logo update project. It is anticipated that some suggested changes should be ready in 7 -10 days./**Watershed Quality Assessment Grant** Staff has met with Linda Fascher, Iowa DNR, to learn how and where to take water samples for the study to be done this summer. Samples will be drawn from the lake and the creek north of the lake./**Staff Report** Wise presented information on work started or completed in April including seeding of new cross-over to picnic point, opening tent and RV camp sections, completion of the new beach sand and decorative waterway at the beach, showerhouse will be open on Monday./**Budget Amendment** Information was shared regarding the budget amendment that will be necessary due to activity in the Land Acquisition and Development Account. (LAD) Activity in the account was more than expected at the time the budget was submitted due to FEMA projects following 2008, the Hansen Addition to Otter Creek Lake & Park project, and connecting Poweshiek Water to Otter Creek Park. The budget amendment breakdown is as follows:

LAD Account- budgeted FY '10	\$200,000.00
Expenditures through 31Mar10	\$482,966.22
Projected Expenditures Mar 31- June 30	\$59,270.57
Total projected expenditures- LAD Account for FY '10	\$542,236.79
Amendment requested	\$342,236.79
Revenues collected for LAD Account during FY '10	\$523,805.70

Fun Nite The financial report for Fun Nite for the Nature Center held on March 27 was shared. The breakdown for the event was as follows:

Receipts	\$8,727.00
Expenditures	\$3,448.44
Net Revenues for Nature Center	\$5,728.56

**Pond Project- Parcel A- Hansen Addition** Requests for bids to construct the 3.2 acre pond on Parcel A, Hansen Addition appeared in local newspapers for two weeks. Also, notice was mailed to contractors appearing on the NRCS Contractor list. Bids are due in the Conservation Board offices by 2:30 p.m., Monday, May 17. Board members discussed when to consider and award the bids. It was decided that a teleconference meeting be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 18. Interested members of the public may sit in on the teleconference by going to the main office, Tama County Conservation Board, Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Etzel reported that he had spoken with a representative of the Army Corps of Engineers relative to the project. The Army Corps has some concern on the possible impact on wetlands in the drainage. Staff of the NRCS will be performing a wetland determination on the parcel during mid-May. Etzel will then relay the results of the determination to the Army Corps for their consideration.

**Land Willied to Protect Natural Resource** It was shared with the board that Wrage and Etzel had met with a landowner regarding his interest in donating approximately 100- 110 acres of beautiful river bluff and bottomland habitat in the county. Etzel will be providing information to the individual for his consideration. The Board was very appreciative of this person's desire to protect the natural resource "for all time".

**Poweshiek Water to Otter Creek Lake & Park** The Board discussed the project to transfer the water distribution system for Otter Creek Park from a well system to Poweshiek Water Association service. It appears the funding will have to come from the Land Acquisition and Development Account for the estimated \$50,000 project. It was hoped that other funding sources could be found but was not met with much success. The Board discussed the importance of keeping funding of the LAD Account in place as it is very important in spring-boarding larger projects of the board. Also, funds in the LAD Account are used to leverage grant moneys which can successfully quadruple the financial impact of local moneys.

The Board discussed acquisition of a new computer for the main office. \$1,800 is budgeted for the new unit. Etzel will be working with Rick Watts, IT person for Tama County, in putting together a quality computer to serve the needs of the office. After discussion it was moved by Benda, seconded Keenan, to purchase a new computer as per the recommendations of the IT person, carried. (All voting aye)

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

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CHAIR

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VICE-CHAIR