

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park. **(Note: The Conservation Board and any interested persons took a tour of Otter Creek Lake and Park to view storm damage from the July 11 derecho.)**

Chair Adolphs called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Anderson, Benda, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Etzel, Wise, Clayton Gettle (Seasonal Park Ranger), Allan Atchison (Toledo).

Minutes from the regular session of July 6, 2011, were read. It was moved by Anderson, seconded Keenan to accept the minutes as presented, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

<b>TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND</b>			
		<b>Amount of Bill</b>	<b>Category Total</b>
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephones</b>			
Verizon	16Jul11, 484-2231 (office)	22.42	
	16Jul11, 484-5314 (Shop)	10.70	
Windstream	19Jul11, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (pay phone)	111.46	
	19Jul11, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>56.43</u>	
		201.01	201.01
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor</b>			
Wise, Craig	8-Jul-11	1,554.40	
	22-Jul-11	<u>1,940.64</u>	
		3,495.04	3,495.04
<b>0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary- Seasonal</b>			
Bergmann, Sandy	8-Jul-11	490.58	
	22-Jul-11	799.01	
Brown, Rick	8-Jul-11	570.94	
	22-Jul-11	563.28	
Burrier, Lester	8-Jul-11	622.63	
	22-Jul-11	579.06	
Gettle, Clayton	8-Jul-11	459.38	
	22-Jul-11	<u>1,038.19</u>	
		5,123.07	5,123.07
<b>0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conservation Tech.</b>			
Dolash, Ron	8-Jul-11	1,428.80	

	22-Jul-11	1,428.80	
		2,857.60	2,857.60
<b>0001-22-6100-000-25050</b>			
<b>Fuels</b>			
New Century FS	6Jun11 #352712 unleaded gasohol 211.4 gals @ \$3.2628/gal	689.76	
	FET (LUST)	0.21	
	SMFT	40.17	
	HAZMAT handling fee	1.90	
	DX Gold ULS dyed 15 ppm 186.1 gals @ \$3.3640/gal	626.04	
	FET (LUST)	0.19	
	HAZMAT handling fee	1.67	
	27Jun11, #352798 unleaded gasohol 219.7 gals @ \$3.9825/gal	655.25	
	FET (LUST)	0.22	
	SMFT	41.74	
	HAZMAT handling fee	1.98	
	DX Gold ULS dyed 15 ppm 146.1 gals @ \$3.2356/gal	472.72	
	FET (LUST)	0.15	
	HAZMAT handling fee	1.31	
		2,533.31	2,533.31
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450</b>			
<b>Mt Veh- Minor Repair</b>			
Carquest of Toledo	#14452-44202 lamp, refrigerant, odor eliminator, wiper blades	48.19	
MV Motors	#11303 Repair '95 Chevy- steering column	373.52	
Southard Implment	#02-242031 hy fluid, chains for chainsaws	118.31	
		540.02	540.02
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252</b>			
<b>Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Central Iowa Distributing	#93946 Scott roll towel 8"x950' (2), dispenser, kitchen towel;Credit memo	143.00	
Dolezal Farm Supply	#0043993 gates & materials- emergency gate at OCP ( <b>Storm damage</b> )	330.00	
Fareway	cups, ice ( <b>Storm Damage</b> )	20.57	
Fastenal	#IAMAR103935 Dry Fly Drop-Um (12)	185.02	
Hrabak Lumber	#0065800 misc lumber & hardware for picniC tables ( <b>Storm Damage</b> )	265.88	

Marion Brush Mfg & Janitorial Supply	#00083520 premier towels (4), freight	301.81	
Menard's	#1500 outlets, outlet plates	12.43	
Premier Office Equipment, Inc.	#000898 Premier Plainum Plan- Sharp AR-651 copier thru 30Aug11	48.00	
RC Systems	#2361 glass break (NC); #105114 radio repair Kenwood TK-7180 & TK-2170	323.25	
Scharnweber Water Cond.	26Jul11 Septic Pump (3), 8Jul11 filters, salt	1,032.50	
Tama County Solid Waste	31Jul11 Landfill fees- July	47.70	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B107516; B107962; B108198; B108297	137.09	
		2,847.25	2,847.25
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electric</b>			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Jul11, 12,332 KWH- meter #1, 1,168- meter #2 (NC)	1,276.50	1,276.50
<b>0001-22-6110-000-63700 Shop Equipment</b>			
Southard Implement	#02-242348 Stihl chansaws (2), chaps	585.39	585.39
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>		<b>\$ 19,459.19</b>
<b>TO BE PAID FROM Nature Center Trust Account</b>			
<b>0031-22-6120-000-61094 Perm Improvements</b>			
Advanced Development Services	#GP-01 Great Placess grant application (partial) to be submitted 15Sep11	1,600.00	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust Account</b>		<b>\$1,600.00</b>
<b>TO BE PAID FROM LAD Account</b>			
<b>0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital Projects</b>	<b>Storm related debris removal- contracted work</b>		
Squiers Logging	40 hrs @ \$250/hr and 5 hrs @ \$100/hr	10,500.00	
R.A. Tree Service	17 hrs @ \$110/hr	1,870.00	
Keeling Tree Service	Cleanup 14- 16Jul11	4,980.00	
Wiese Tree Service	5 days, 45 hrs @ \$100/hr	4,500.00	
Shepard's Auto Salvage	59 hrs @ \$100/hr	5,900.00	

B&B Tree Service Inc	14 days	27,250.00	
Steverson, Paul	13Jul11 8 hrs cleanup	1,200.00	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account</b>	56,200.00	<b>\$ 56,200.00</b>
		<b>Total All Bills Submitted</b>	<b>\$ 77,259.19</b>

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

**Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report** Wise presented information on work started or completed in July including: following the July 11 derecho all staff work was concentrated on post-storm cleanup./**Tama County Tourism Brochure-** a copy was presented to the board to review the Otter Creek Lake and Park information / **Thank You** Etzel reminded board members that Tama County will be hosting the quarterly meeting for District 1 of Iowa Assoc of County Conservation Boards on June 28. Board members are welcome to attend./ **Salt Creek Mitigation Bank** A letter received from Gary Thien, Thien Farm Mgmt, Inc. was reviewed with the Board. The mitigation bank is anticipating closing in the next year as the credits will be sold out. Thien was reminding the Board that the Board holds an option on the property. He was inquiring as the Board's intent in this regards.

**Otter Creek Lake & Park Storm Damage** The storm event of July 11 had inflicted significant damage to Otter Creek Lake & Park. The Board discussed the current state of the park, expenses to make the park safe for use, and recovery efforts needed post storm in the park. Etzel reported that damage was inflicted to structures in the park as well as major damage to trees on the facility. The recovery effort has been focused on "use areas" of the facility which is essentially those areas that are maintained for public use and are mowed including campgrounds, picnic areas, Nature Center, beach and play areas, shelters, boat access points, hiking trails and public use areas that people travel through to access these areas. **[Note: As of August 3 only the east half of Otter Creek Lake & Park has been opened to the public. It is hoped the remaining portion of the park will be opened by August 12.]**

The Board discussed the significant financial impact to the Conservation budget. Etzel reported that he had been keeping the Supervisors up to date and was encouraging them to make plans on how to cover these unexpected expenses. The Supervisors requested the \$60,000 predicted initial clean-up cost come from the Land Acquisition and Development Account of the Conservation Board. **[Note: These are the costs to return the park to a safe state to allow the park to be used by the public. No repair or replanting efforts are reflected in these figures. ]**

Immediate impacts to the budget will include additional costs for staffing during the recovery, affiliated costs with the recovery for equipment, fuel, materials, repairs, etc. and a loss of camping revenues during and post recovery efforts. A significant cost to begin the healing process for the park will be encountered. This will put a significant stress on the FY '12 budget which runs through June 30, 2012.

Etzel reported that Governor Brandstad has written a letter to President Obama requesting the president to declare the area a federal disaster. At this time it is uncertain that federal assistance in the recovery will be forthcoming. FEMA assistance would go a long way to recover most of the costs of debris removal work.

The Board discussed in great length the Supervisors recent tendency of using the LAD Account funds as a "rainy day" fund to cover unexpected costs rather than a fund to address major project needs of the Conservation Board. There are currently ongoing and prioritized conservation board projects totaling over \$2.5 million dollars that are planned for funding from the LAD Account. A partial list of the projects include completion of the Hansen Addition project to protect and improve water quality in the Otter Creek Lake basin, campground modernization and renovations, 3.5 acre silt retention/fishing pond, Nature Center Exhibit Component, lake (silt removal) and fishery renovation. Often funds in this account are leveraged against grants to increase the "bang for the buck" for county residents. For instance \$50,000 when leveraged against a successful grant application in a 75%/25% cost share can result in a \$200,000 project being successfully funded.

Board members voiced a shared pride in the good working relationship with the Board of Supervisors through the years, the desire to continue this relationship, and the need to further discuss the significant impact the storm has placed on the ability of the Conservation Board to address future needs. Moved by Anderson, seconded Wrage to set a meeting time to bring the Conservation Board and the Board of Supervisors together to discuss these concerns, carried. (all voting aye)

**Nature Center Reservation Refund** The Board discussed an event that was to be held in the Tama County Nature Center on July 17. Due to the July 11 storm causing the park to be closed to all public use the event had to be cancelled. A \$25 reservation fee had been placed by the renter. Etzel recommended the Board refund the \$25 back to the party since the cancellation was not in their control. Moved by Wrage, seconded Benda to refund the \$25 to the Shanda party for the July 17, 2011, event, carried. (all voting aye)

**Timber Sale- Otter Creek Park** Etzel had met with Joe Herring, District Forester, Iowa DNR, regarding marketable logs that were salvaged during cleanup following the July 11 storm. Herring was willing to coordinate a timber sale of the logs to generate funds to be applied to the cost of debris removal or future tree plantings. It is hoped that a sale can be completed prior to the September Conservation Board meeting. After discussion it was moved by Keenan, seconded Benda that the marketable logs be sold to the highest bonafide bidder, carried. (all voting aye)

**Nature Center Roof** The Board discussed quotes to replace the north half of the Nature Center roof that was damaged during the July 11 storm. The insurance company has agreed to replace 100% of the roof with asphalt shingles. The board discussed replacing with asphalt shingles or with a Decra aggregate covered steel roof system. The following were quotes for both types of roofs :

Asphalt shingle- Duration Premium	\$18,222.50
Decra roof	\$23,182.60

The Decra roof was placed on the large south facing roof at the Nature Center several years ago due the asphalt shingles being repeatedly damaged. The roof has performed admirably and looks just like an asphalt shingle roof.

After discussion it was moved Wrage, seconded Benda to have the Decra roof installed on the north half of the Nature Center, carried. (all voting aye)

**Fish Cleaning Station** The Board discussed the fish cleaning station at Otter Creek Lake & Park. The structure was destroyed by the July 11 storm. It was determined the structure was not covered by county insurance. Etzel estimates that the cost to replace the structure will be around \$4,000- \$5,000. After discussion it was moved by Benda, seconded Keenan to rebuild the fish cleaning station, carried. (all voting aye)

**Pickup Bids** Etzel reported that, following receipt of a bid from local vendor Thys Automotive Group, a ¾ T, four wheel drive pickup had been ordered from Bob Brown Chevrolet (state bid price). Following are the bids as received. Both vehicles were bid following state specifications. The order was placed as per motion passed at the July 6, 2011, board meeting.

Dealer	Vehicle	Price
Bob Brown Chevrolet	2012 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, large extended cab w/4WD, 6' straight side body, V-8 engine, 9,200 GVWR	\$26,122.95
Thys Automotive Group	2011 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, large extended cab w/4WD, 6' straight side body, V-8 engine, 9,200 GVWR	\$34,327.00

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Anderson, seconded Keenan to adjourn, carried, Adjourned 9:20 p.m..

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CHAIR

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VICE-CHAIR