

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

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

Minutes from the regular session of January 5, 2011, were read. It was moved by Wrage, 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
0001-22-6100-000-26000 Office Supplies			
Staples	#J306486011 Credit memo; #K653544001 ink (2), file boxes, pens	133.95	133.95
0001-22-6100-000-26100 Books, Magazines			
Tama Toledo Newspapers	Subscription- News Herald, Chronicle (1 yr)	55.00	55.00
0001-22-6100-000-40000 Publications/Notices			
Tama Grundy Publishing	13Jan11 Legal Notice- Junk cars- Hansen Addition- Parcel C	114.43	114.43
0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage			
Etzel, Robert	As per two (2) receipts	10.73	10.73
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Verizon	16Jan11, 484-2231 (office)	19.86	
	19Jan11, 484-4157 (payphone)	12.09	
	16Jan11, 484-5314 (shop)	10.87	
Windstream	19Jan11, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	124.57	
	19Jan11, 484-5314 (shop)	56.77	
		181.34	181.34
0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction			
Etzel, Robert	26Jan11 Lunch- Winterfest, 20Jan11 Regis-Dist 1 Mtg-Etzel, Wise	23.48	23.48
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary-Main Supervisor			
Wise, Craig	7-Jan-11	1,524.00	
	21-Jan-11	1,524.00	
		3,048.00	3,048.00
0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary			
Dolash, Ron	7-Jan-11	1,401.60	
	21-Jan-11	1,401.60	
		2,803.20	2,803.20
0001-22-6110-000-25050 Mt Veh-fuels			
New Century FS	18May10, #314494 235.1 gals unleaded gasohol @ \$2.3732/gal	557.94	
	SMFT @ \$0.19 per gal	44.67	
	FET (LUST)	0.41	

	170.8 gals DX Gold ULS Dyed 15 PPM @ \$2.5479/gal	435.18	
	HAZMAT handling fee	3.65	
	22Sep10, #345973 248.4 gals unleaded gasohol @ \$2.2923/gal	569.41	
	HAZMAT handling fee	2.24	
	175.3 gals DX gold UKLS Dyed 15 PPM @ \$2.4290/gal	425.81	
	HAZMAT handling fee	1.58	
	Tax	0.43	
	1Nov10 #355177 240.0 gals unleaded gasohol @ \$2.2834/gal	548.02	
	HAZMAT handling fee	2.16	
	97.3 gals #1 ULS Dyed 15 PPM @ \$2.7301/gal	238.34	
	HAZMAT handling fee	0.79	
	0.5 sureflo IV 265 GL	13.75	
	tax	45.93	
	9Dec10 #365585 201.5 gals unleaded gasohol @ \$2.4031/gal	484.23	
	SMFT, LUST and Hazmat fees	40.30	
		3,414.84	3,414.84
0001-22-6110-000-25350 Tires & Tubes			
Z Line Tire & Repair	6Jan11 #1-66216 LT255/75R16/10 ply (2) '95 Chevy pickup	309.78	
	tube (2) 24/26x12R12 @ \$15.85 ea	31.70	
	disposal fee (2)	7.00	
		348.48	348.48
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh-Minor Repair			
Central Iowa Farm Store	#94616 hyd oil	80.56	
J&V Auto Parts (NAPA)	#420688 brake line, 421004 fule filter, door handle, cement	76.87	
	#421563 grease (2), 75W140 Synpower (2), misc	31.29	
Monte Motor Parts	#452755 o ring filter, kit support Aux C/V, handling	111.96	
Pokorny, Michael	#674354 repair rear axle mounting- Gallion roadgrader	100.00	
Road Machinery & Supplies Co.	#S23796 bracket, freight	507.21	
Z Line Tire & Repair	#1-65851 cross links (12) @ \$3.74 ea	44.88	
		952.77	952.77
0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools			
J&V Auto Parts	#521563 drill bits (5)	36.49	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B97572 paintbrush	7.99	
		44.48	44.48
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Ar-Jay Center	#0752356 Juno MR-16 socket (2) @ \$17.10 ea, shipping	44.20	
Dostal Const. & Excavating	Ike's Tract- rebuild shooting backstops	800.00	

Hygienic Labs	29Jun10 nutrient demand (2)	36.00	
IACCBE	Lodging while attending Winterfest (23& 24Jan11)	125.34	
Iowa Fire Equipment Co.	#236507 Annual inspection- NC fire alarms	142.10	
Menard's	#74746 vinyl door bottom	5.98	
Pamida	#17408359 floursack (5), catfood	37.00	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, OCP- West 19Jan11 meter read, Prev: 40K, Current: 46K, Used: 6K	66.20	
	Water, OCP- East 19Jan11 meter read, Prev: 38K, Current: 38K, Used:0 K	35.00	
Premier Office Equipment, Inc.	#76545 Platinum Service Plan- Sharp AR-651 thru 30Jan11	46.00	
Sevde Fire Extinguisher	#9962 various maintenance to fire extinguishers	171.75	
Tama County Solid Waste Disposal	Landfill fees- Jan	23.10	
		1,510.67	1,510.67
0001-22-0210-000-43000 LP Gas	Pre-paid LP purchase, Ticket #10623, 1Feb11 975 gals LP @ \$1.599/gal = \$1,559.03, LPER = \$4.88, HAZ = \$8.78		
New Century FS	Current Balance = \$2,093.64, Main res = 325, Main shop = 650 gals		
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy CO REC	OCP thru 1Jan11, 7,128 KWH- meter #1, 6,372 KWH- (NC)	1,074.83	
		1,074.83	1,074.83
0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital Projects			
Earthview Environmental	Inv#2 Wetland Mitigation report- Parcel A- Hansen Addition pond project	409.50	409.50
		Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget	
			\$14,125.70
TO BE PAID FROM LAD Account			
0027-22-0210-000-6000 Capital Projects			
Dostal Const. & Excavating	Removal of six mobile homes from Parcel A- Hansen Addition incl Landfill fees	9,988.00	\$9,988.00
TO BE PAID FROM Nature Center Trust Account			
0031-22-6120-000-29272 Rec Supplies			
Staples Credit Plan	#K653544001 Name badges for IACCBE (3 boxes)	64.57	
		Total Bills Submitted, NC Trust Account	
			64.57
		Total All Bills Submitted	
			\$ 24,178.27

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

Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report Wise presented information on work started or completed in January including: repair equipment, annual inventory, snow removal, annual inspection of grinders, jacks, and compressors/**Ike's Tract-** It was reported that the 100 yard shooting station that was renovated earlier in the winter had been shot up again, temporary repairs have been made to hopefully make it through spring./ **Hansen Addition- junk** Etzel reported that ads appeared in mid-January and Deputy Ruopp is working with Tim Hansen to begin releasing vehicles. Etzel asked the Board if it was appropriate to work with Tim Hansen to get the vehicles moved off Parcel C and onto Hansen property prior to the demolition permits for each vehicle. The Board was agreeable as long as the initial goal to permanently remove the cars through demolition was achieved./ **Budget presentation** The FY '12 budget was presented to the Supervisors on January 27./**Fun Night for the Nature Center** Board members were reminded the annual fundraiser to benefit the Nature Center and its programs will occur on Saturday evening, March 26. Board members reviewed what local businesses they would approach on behalf of the event.

Additional Staff Etzel has met with all three Supervisors regarding the need to add a staff person to the Conservation Board program. The Conservation Board further discussed the need and looked at preliminary cost estimates of adding a Park Ranger/Naturalist on staff. Board members pointed to the great value to county residents of a coordinated environmental education outreach, the declining involvement of children with nature and understanding the outdoors, the rapid decline of youth being involved in hunting and trapping, the need to see the Nature Center meet the original goal as laid out as early as 1989 to "provide year round programs and workshops for all ages" and "to serve as a rallying point for persons concerned about providing a sustainable, quality natural environment for all future generations". Also of concern is inadequate staff to meet the day to day operations of the Board. Board members indicated they would like discuss this further with the Supervisors to work together to meet the need.

Poweshiek Water Association Easements The Board reviewed two easements submitted by Poweshiek Water Association. The easements pertain to the new water lines that were run into Otter Creek Park during 2010 crossing portions of Parcels A & B- Hansen Addition. The easements are to allow access to the lines for "using, operating, maintaining, replacing or removing water pipeline" in a 50' wide easement. After discussion it was moved by Anderson, seconded Wrage to enter into the easement, carried. (All voting aye)

It was moved by Wrage, seconded Keenan that Robert F. Etzel, Director, Tama County Conservation Board, shall serve as agent for Tama County and the Tama County Conservation Board in the signing of the Poweshiek Water Association easements, carried. (All voting aye)

Heat Pump Failure- Nature Center It was reported that during January one of the ground source heat pump units at the Nature Center failed. The compressor and heating elements were inoperable. The heat pump, which is over 18 years old, is a Command Aire unit originally manufactured by Trane. Command Aire is no longer manufactured making acquisition of parts difficult. The estimate to repair the unit using off-brand parts was \$2,500. Quotes on different units were presented to the Board with prices ranging between \$4,600 and \$5,500.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Anderson, seconded Keenan that a new heat pump be installed with price (totally installed) not to exceed \$4,700, carried. (All voting aye)

Earth Day Shirts As has become customary practice the Board discussed purchasing Earth Day shirts for sale in conjunction with the annual Fun Night for the Nature Center fundraiser. Board members were in agreement that Etzel may purchase the shirts. Each shirt is to be personalized with Tama County Nature Center on it.

Otter Creek Lake Watershed Plan Development of a watershed management plan as part of the watershed grant received for Otter Creek Lake was discussed. Ginny Elliott, retired educator, was contacted to draft the plan. The plan is required before being eligible to seek federal and state grants. After discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Keenan that Ginny Elliott be hired to draft the plan for a price not to exceed \$2,000, carried. (All voting aye)

Izaak Walton Shooting Facility The Board discussed further the continuing vandalism at the facility by irresponsible shooters. It was pointed out the facility is popular with local shooting enthusiasts and the large majority have been using the facility responsibly. Strategies were discussed to bring the irresponsible few to justice.

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

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR