

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, January 16, 2012, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Chair Adolphs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Anderson, Keenan, McCool, and Wrage. Also present: Etzel and Wise.

Elections of Officers- 2012 It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Keenan that Gene Anderson serve as chairman for 2012, carried. (all voting aye)

It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage that Keenan serve as vice-chairman for 2012, carried. (all voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND		Amount of Bill	Category Total
0001-22-6100-000-26100 Magazines & Books			
Traer Star- Clipper	1 yr subscription- Traer Start Clipper	41.60	41.60
0001-22-6100-000-29400 Wearing Apparel			
Etzel, Robert	2 pr pants Order #340904755	83.40	83.40
0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage			
Etzel, Robert	As per four (4) receipts	19.80	19.80
0001-22-6100-000-40000 Publications & Notices			
Tama/Grundy Publishing	Ads- Ikes' Tract 10Nov11, 28Dec11, 14Dec11 Pickup for Sale	80.17	80.17
0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone			
Verizon	16Nov11, 484-2231 (office)	9.84	
	19Nov11, 484-4157 (payphone)	12.07	
	16Nov11, 484-5314 (shop)	11.31	
Windstream	18Nov11, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 payphone	126.01	
	18Nov11, 484-5314 (shop)	56.80	
		216.03	216.03
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor			
Wise, Craig	9-Dec-11	1,554.40	
	23-Dec-11	<u>1,554.40</u>	
		3,108.80	3,108.80
0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary			
Dolash, Ron	9-Dec-11	1,428.80	
	23-Dec-11	<u>1,428.80</u>	
		2,857.60	2,857.60

0001-22-6110-000-25350 Mt Veh- tires			
Bear's Inc.	#116642 LT26570R17 (4) Good ties for Ford pickup	813.68	813.68
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
Carquest of Toledo	#14452-50888 paint, 5W-20 oil, misc	75.80	
Central Iowa Farm Store	#17092 repair Kuboita tractor, bucket seals, weld hook on center of bucket	508.43	
J&V Auto Parts	#434042 rearview mirror, filler, touchup, repair kit, protectant, cleaner wax	53.54	
Southard Implement	#02-246466 battery	460.84	
		1,098.61	1,098.61
0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools			
Pamida	#17408779 snow broom, angle broom w/dustpan	22.78	22.78
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Gall's	#937856 G4 LED dashlight ('12 Chevy), headliner mount	122.97	
Iowa Prison Industries	#922213 Misc signs (30), barricade sheeting (50'), u-channel posts (30)	1,712.46	
Kennedy Marine	#80774 boat repair parts- misc	66.36	
Menard's	#25723 repair- kit- delta faucet	13.88	
Pamida	#17408779 dish soap, coffee, discount	11.42	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, OCP- West 22Dec11 Prev: 109K, Current: 115K, Used: 6K	66.20	
	Water, OCP- East 22Dec11 Prev: 149K, Current: 149K, Used:0K	35.00	
Premier Office Equip	#006668 service agreement Sharp AR-651 (through 30Jan12)	48.00	
Scharnweber Water Cond., Inc.	East well distribution- locate leak and repair	2257.95	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	#2672222 misc bolts	29.73	
Tama Co. Highway Dept	#12 Random drug test (Dolash), 76.2T salt @ 76.20/T	573.58	
Tama Co. Solid Waste	Landfill fees- December	514.75	
Thomas Co., Inc.	#3085103 replace thermostat and burner on stove (main res)	162.00	
Walsh Door	#192254 threaded door parts (entry doors- NC)	26.20	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B114903 lockset, #B114402 elec tape, duct tape, fuses, thermocouple	62.93	
		5,703.43	5,703.43
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Dec11, 5,808 KWH- meter #1, 3,379 KWH- (NC)	529.99	
	Meter #2 (NC), 2,952 kwh	168.94	

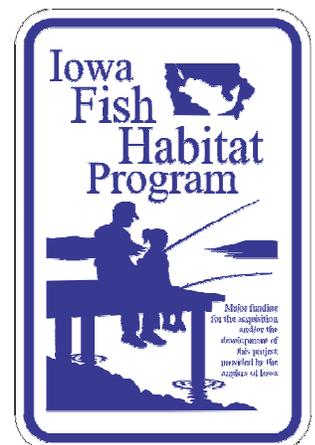
	Security lights	18.00	
	maintenance light charges	96.00	
	Credit- patronage dividend 58% of 1989	-133.73	
	OCP thru 1Jan12, 5,882 KWH- meter #1, 3,379 KWH- (NC)	536.08	
	Meter #2 (NC), 4,258 kwh	243.69	
	Security lights	18.00	
		1,476.97	<u>1,476.97</u>
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		15,522.87
TO BE PAID FROM LAD Account			
0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital Projects			
Dostal Construction	Work on Hansen Addition- Parcel A (house demo, fill cistern, knock down bins)	1,500.00	
0027-22-0210-000-44710 LAD Account- FEMA Storm damage			
Bill Miller Wood Products, Inc.	27Dec11 Storm damage removal via grinding as per quote	17,696.00	
	Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account		<u>19,196.00</u>
	Total All Bills Submitted		34,718.87

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

Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report Wise presented information on work started or completed in December including: install play safety surfacing, fix leak in waterline- beach, remove trees in NC prairie, cut trees in Parcel C, large brush piles from storm chipped and hauled away, service boat, replace signs at Long Point Landing, Parcel A- Hansen- remove tires, fill cistern, haul away debris of old residence- south end of Parcel./**FEMA 2011** Etzel has met again with Iowa Homeland Security staff regarding close out on the 2011 projects. No checks have been received to date.

Fish Habitat Stamp Grant Application Etzel reported the application for funding under the Fish Habitat Stamp grant program was scored the number one project in District 1. The grant request is to fund fish habitat structures, a fishing jetty and shoreline armoring in conjunction with the construction of a 3.2 acre fishing pond in Parcel A- Hansen Addition. The grant submitted totaled \$49,124. The project has been forwarded for approval of the Iowa DNR commissioners. Once approval is given the state share of the project will be \$44,212 and the county share is \$4,912.

The Board discussed how bids should be sought on the project. All agreed that it would be best to have one contractor construct the pond as well as construct the fish habitat in the pond. After short discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Keenan that a "request for bids" be posted in local papers for all interested contractors, carried. (All voting aye)



The Iowa Fish Habitat Program is a valuable program where the fish habitat fee that is paid when anglers purchase a fishing license is returned to improve fishing opportunities across the state.

New Board Member Lana McCool, Tama, was welcomed as the newly appointed board member. McCool will be filling the remainder of Roger Benda's term which expires on December 31, 2013.

Oath of Office McCool, as the newly appointed board member, and Adolphs, who was reappointed for a five year term, were administered the oath of office for serving on the Conservation Board.

Crop Leases The Board discussed existing and expiring crop leases on ground under their management. All crop leases expire on March 1, 2012, so are to be considered for continuation.

Tract	Parcel	Approx. Acreage
Hansen Addition	A	14.93
Hansen Addition	B	10.10
Hansen Addition	C	20.00
Reinig		18.50

Etzel explained that typically crop leases have been for three crop seasons unless a change in land use is anticipated. Also the crop rotations are generally no-till bean and corn.

The Board discussed plans for the four crop fields. **Hansen Addition- Parcel B and the Reinig Tract** are considered long term crop rental sites. These crop fields produce revenues that can be invested back into the property to perform maintenance or fund acquisition of prairie forb and grass seed, trees, wetland development, etc. **Hansen Addition- Parcel A** is slated for seeding of a prairie grass and forb mix to replicate a savanna during 2012. **Hansen Addition- Parcel C-** Etzel reminded the Board this field is planned for establishment of a woodland planting using broadcast seeding in part of the crop parcel with the remainder planted using seedlings. He recommended to the Board to consider postponing the start of this project from 2012 to 2013, and planning to plant only a portion of the Parcel A crop field in 2013 and 2014.

After discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs to retire Parcel A-Hansen Addition from future cropping, carried. (All voting aye)

It was moved by Adolphs, seconded McCool, to consider bids for three crop season leases for Hansen Addition- Parcel B and Reinig Tract, carried, (All voting aye)

It was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs that a one year lease- specifying beans be sought for Hansen Addition- Parcel C, carried, (All voting aye)

FY '13 Budget Presentation Board members were presented with the recommended FY '13 Budget request. A great deal of time was spent reviewing the budget. The Board discussed different aspects of the budget and the needs of the program.

2012- 2013 TAMA COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHET					
Dept Name: Conservation		Dept No.: 22			
CAPITAL PROJECTS	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Re-estimated	Proposed Budget
Description	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2011-2012	2012-2013
Buildings-Perm Improvmnt					
0001-22-0210-000-61094	15,903	18,422	33,774	33,774	33,774
Buildings-Perm Landscape					
0001-22-0210-000-62494					
Activity Totals	15,903	18,422	33,774	33,774	33,774

	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Re-estimated	Proposed Budget
ADMINISTRATION	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2011-2012	2012-2013
Salary- Director					
0001-22-6100-100-661	44,322	44,322	45,219	45,262	46,171
Stationery & Forms					
0001-22-6100-000-26000	787	842	1,300	1,500	1,500
Magazines/Books					
0001-22-6100-000-26100	97	97	100	100	100
Wearing Apparel					
0001-22-6100-000-29400	317	157	250	250	250
Off Pub, Legal Not					
0001-22-6100-000-40000	489	292	1,200	900	900
Postage					
0001-22-6100-000-41200	535	347	500	400	450
Employee Mile/Subsist					
0001-22-6100-000-41300	574	642	650	705	730
Telephone					
0001-22-6100-000-41400	2,956	2,482	3,000	2,700	3,000
School of Instruction					
0001-22-6100-000-42200	590	711	750	950	1,000
Dues & Memberships					
0001-22-6100-000-48000	670	1,545	1,200	1,200	1,545
Office Equip & Furniture					
0001-22-6100-000-63600	1,725	0	300	300	0
Activity Totals	53,064	51,435	54,469	54,267	55,646
PARK MAINTENANCE	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Re-estimated	Proposed Budget
& OPERATIONS	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2011-2012	2012-2013
Main Supv/Ranger					
001 6110 101 22 223			41,289	41,289	42,096
Conservation Tech					
001 6110 101 22 226			37,417	37,417	38,190
Seasonal Workers					
001 6110 101 22 224			25,798	25,798	26,797
Total Salaries	97,978	101,442	104,503	104,504	107,083
Fuels					
0001-22-6110-000-25050	8,834	11,071	15,000	15,000	15,000

Tires & Tubes					
0001-22-6110-000-25350	838	672	1,249	1,249	2,031
Minor Motor Vehicle Parts					
0001-22-6110-000-25450	6,802	11,743	8,500	10,500	12,000
Minor Equip & Hand Tools					
0001-22-6110-000-29050	56	321	335	150	200
Recreational Supplies					
0001-22-6110-000-29252	40,216	40,212	40,000	40,000	46,000
Wearing Apparel					
0001-22-6110-000-29400	180	190	230	230	230
Natural & LP Gas					
0001-22-6110-000-43000	7,700	7,542	9,000	8,800	9,000
Electric Light & Power					
0001-22-6110-000-43100	14,255	13,576	13,700	13,500	14,000
Agricultural & Horticultural					
0001-22-6110-000-63000	27,050	9,500	0	0	26,000
Motor Vehicle					
0001-22-6110-000-63597	0	0	26,000	26,000	0
Shop Equipment					
0001-22-6110-000-63700	0	545	350	600	550
Activity Totals	203,909	196,814	218,867	220,533	232,094
General Supplemental Funds					
ADMINISTRATION					
FICA (7.65%)					
0002-22-6100-000-11000	3,363	3,363	3,459	3,459	3,532
IPERS (10.27%)		(9.95%)	(9.97%)	(9.97%)	(10.27%)
0002-22-6100-000-11100	4,027	4,356	4,508	4,508	4,742
Health Ins- Co Share (Admin.)					
0002-22-6100-000-11300	14,437	14,437	14,437	14,437	14,437
TOTALS	21,827	22,156	22,404	22,404	22,711

PARK MAINTENANCE & OPER.					
FICA (7.65%)					
0002-6110-000-11000	7,468	7,733	7,995	7,995	8,192
IPERS (8.67%)		(6.95%)	(8.07%)	(8.07%)	(8.67%)
0002-6110-000-11100	5,353	5,795	5,470	6,352	6,961
Health Ins- Co Share (Pk. Main.)					
0002-6110-000-11300	14,447	14,447	14,448	14,448	14,448
TOTALS	27,268	27,975	27,913	28,795	29,601
Activity Totals General Supp	49,095.37	50,130.82	50,317	51,199	52,312
Department Totals	321,971.80	316,801.74	357,427.21	359,773.00	373,825.72

After considerable discussion it was moved by Keenan, seconded Adolphs to approve the FY '13 Conservation Board budget as submitted, carried. (All voting aye)

Cage Catfish Program The DNR has indicated that a change in the catfish cage rearing program is being instituted. Counties have the option of receiving fingerlings in early summer to feed in cages or receiving 7" – 10" catfish in the fall. If receiving the catfish in the fall the county will receive less fish but will save the money to purchase food for the fish, staff time each day in feeding the fish, and cost of upkeep on the cages owned by the county. At Otter Creek Lake there would be 3,700 fingerlings received or 2,072, 7"- 10" catfish in the fall. After short discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Keenan that the DNR be notified the Board would like to participate in the fall stocking of catfish, carried, (All voting aye)

REAP Congress Wrage reported to the Board on his participation in the REAP Congress held at the statehouse on January 7, in Des Moines. Wrage said it was an educational experience and one that he enjoyed. Wrage was an at-large representative of the REAP district of Hardin, Marshall, Tama, and Poweshiek Counties. He was elected to that position while attending the REAP Assembly held in Marshalltown in the fall of 2011. One of the key topics of concern at the Congress was rumors the legislature is considering eliminating the Forest Reserve law. The Congress voted to communicate to the legislators the value of continuing that program in the state. Wrage noted a prime example of the need for programs like the forest reserve is evident in a warm, open winter as acres and acres of trees are being removed from the Iowa landscape this winter.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Wrage, seconded Keenan to adjourn, carried, Adjourned 9:35 p.m..

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR