

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Anderson, McCool, and Wrage. Also present: Marty McCoy (Toledo), Ryan Currens (EMA/911) and Etzel.

Note: In Keenan's absence Wrage serves as Vice-Chairman for this meeting.

Minutes from the regular session of March 7, 2012, were read. It was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs to accept the minutes as read, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

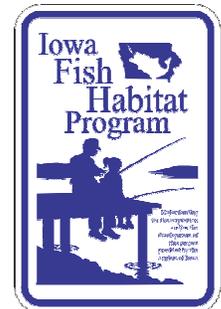
<b>TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND</b>		<b>Amount of Bill</b>	<b>Category Total</b>
<b>0001-22-6100-000-40000 Publications &amp; Notices</b>			
Tama/Grundy Publishing	Legal Notice- Request for bids-, crop leases, Parcel A- Pond Project	53.33	53.33
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage</b>			
Etzel, Robert	as per two (2) receipts	11.45	11.45
<b>002-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction</b>			
Etzel, Robert	15Mar12 Parking- ISAC	6.00	
	10Mar12 IACCB Spring Meeting, regis- Adolphs, Etzel	30.00	
	16Dec11 District 1 meeting, regis- Etzel, Wise	<u>16.00</u>	
		52.00	52.00
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone</b>			
Verizon	16Mar12, 484-2231 (office)	9.73	
	19Mar12, 484-4157 (payphone)	12.31	
	16Mar12, 484-5314 (shop)	11.52	
Windstream	20Mar12, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	126.43	
	20Mar12, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>55.54</u>	
		215.53	215.53
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223</b>			
	2-Mar-12	1,554.40	
Wise, Craig	16-Mar-12	1,554.40	
	30-Mar-12	<u>1,554.40</u>	
		4,663.20	4,663.20
<b>0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary</b>			
Dolash, Ron	2-Mar-12	1,428.80	
	16-Mar-12	1,428.80	
	30-Mar-12	<u>1,428.80</u>	
		4,286.40	4,286.40
<b>0001-6110-101-22-224 Seasonal Workers</b>			
Bergmann, Sandi	30-Mar-12	76.38	

Gettle, Clay	30-Mar-12	<u>76.13</u>	
		152.51	152.51
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair</b>			
Carquest of Toledo	#14452-53833 wiper blades (2) 2008 Ford, spark plugs (10)	36.11	
	#14452-55157 screws, nuts, washers, reflector, duct tape	29.49	
J&V Auto	#436059 Pins (4)	<u>2.76</u>	
		68.36	68.36
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Dolezal Farm Supply	#0052070 grass seed (110#), fertilizer (2)	226.80	
Iowa Fire Equipment Co.	#250084 annual fire alarm inspection (Nature Center)	243.25	
Midwest Telephone Supply	#312853 battery for payphone	23.05	
Poweshiek water Assoc	Water, OCP- West 23Mar12 meter read, Prev: 127K, Current: 132K, Used: 5K	59.90	
	Water, OCP- East 23Mar12 meter read, Prev: 150K, Current: 151K, Used: 1 K	38.00	
Tama Co. Highway Dept	#1 Random drug & alcohol test 8Mar12- Dolash	90.57	
Tama Co. Solid Waste	31Mar12 Landfill fees- Feb & Mar	51.00	
Wendling Quarry	#462660 11Feb12 15.2T 1" rd stone	133.35	
	#464749 13Mar12, 30.53T 1" rd stone @ \$8.75/T	267.14	
	14Mar12, 105.61T 1" rd stone @ \$8.75/T	924.10	
	15Mar12, 136.28T 1" rd stone @ \$8.75/T	1,192.45	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B121097 bolts, nuts;#B121150 fasteners, snap links	<u>37.82</u>	
		3,287.43	3,287.43
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43000 LP Gas</b>			
New Century FS	Pre-paid LP purchase, Ticket #11609, 13Mar12		
	917 gals LP @ \$1.869/gal = \$1,713.87, LPER = \$4.59, HAZ = \$8.25		
	Current Balance = \$3094.12, Main res = 267, Main shop = 650 gals		
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity</b>			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Mar12, 5,627 kwh- meter #1, 6,493 kwh- NC	1,079.00	1,079.00
<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>			<b>13,869.21</b>
<b>FROM NATURE CENTER TRUST</b>			
<b>0031-22-6120-000-29272 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Eyerhalde, Peter	Presenter- Fun Nite	75.00	
My Mother's Place	Fun Nite (24Mar12), 180 meals @ \$8.75/meal	<u>1,575.00</u>	
		1,650.00	1,650.00

<b>0031-22-6120-000-29672</b> <b>Art Supplies</b>			
Wild Wings	#216556, #216810 misc items for Fun Nite auction	757.69	
Zach Wildlife Art	"Evening Snowfall" framed/matted #68/95, "Ruby Throats" framed	269.00	
		1,026.69	<u>1,026.69</u>
<b>Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust</b>			<b>\$ 2,676.69</b>
<b>Total All Bills Submitted</b>			<b>\$ 16,545.90</b>

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

**Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report** Etzel reported on work started or completed during March including replace broken spring animals on playground, Storm Damage- re-set BBQ grills and replace fire rings in tent area, fill tree stump holes, Spring start-up: t-dock in water, martin house up, open kiosk and west side of park, haul road stone, rewire and install new light at dump station, Fun Nite preparations/**IACCB Annual Conference** The IACCB annual conference will be held at Honey Creek State Park & Resort on September 13- 15. /**Summer Staff** Etzel reported that interviews have been conducted and decisions regarding summer staff will be made in the next week/**Mitigation Site-Hansen Addition** Staff from Earthview Environmental- project consultants visited the site on 29Mar12. Everything looks good at this point./**Inspection- Otter Creek Lake dam** Notification has been received from the Iowa DNR that an inspection on the Otter Creek Lake dam will occur during 2012/**Nature Center Repairs** Contractors have visited the site and quotes for work are anticipated in the next few weeks/**Environmental Education** Etzel reminded the board members that Mike Havlik, Des Moines Y Camp near Boone and his staff will be coming to Otter Creek lake & Park to conduct a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day for students from North Tama and Dysart Geneseo Elementary on April 25.



**Fish Habitat Stamp Grant #12-01** The Board reviewed the agreement received from the Iowa DNR for Fish Habitat Grant #12-01. The grant is to provide \$44,212.12 towards placement of fish habitat in the new pond slated for construction in Parcel A- Hansen Addition during 2012. After discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs to accept the agreement as presented, carried. (all voting aye)

**Izaak Walton Shooting Facility** The Board discussed further the concerns encountered at the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility in the past couple years. Marty McCoy, Toledo, adjoining landowner to the facility, updated the board. Etzel had met with Ben Berka, Iowa DNR, Shooting Sports Coordinator, at the shooting facility previously and was awaiting a report regarding Berka's observations of the facility and making recommendations. Etzel indicated the report would probably not be received prior to late April. Also, Bob Mullen and Vic Bjork had agreed to serve on a committee to discuss ideas to correct problems at the facility. More committee members will be sought.

McCoy asked the Board to consider temporary closure of the facility while the decision making process plays out. It is anticipated it will take two- four months before the Conservation Board will be able to make a decision on future direction for the facility. After considerable discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded McCool to immediately close Izaak Walton Shooting Facility until further notice to allow time to work through the planning process, carried. (all voting aye) [Note: Effective immediately no shooting will be allowed at the facility.]

**Tama County Emergency Management/911** Ryan Currens, Tama County Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator, addressed the Board. Ryan updated the Board on cooperative projects between the two boards during the past year including post-storm recovery, 911 addressing updates at Otter Creek Lake and Park, Wolf Creek Trail signage, allowing use of Otter Creek Park for a countywide responder training drill on April 21, 2012, and Terrorism Training slated for May 4.

Board members thanked Currens for his assistance and work during the past year.

**Bids for Construction - Pond- Parcel A- Hansen Addition** The Board considered bids for construction of a 3.2 acre pond including fish habitat construction in the pond basin. These bids were submitted following the Conservation Board refusing all bids at the March meeting due to the project coming in higher than anticipated. Changes from the previous plans included shortening the benched jetty from 50'L to 30'L and reducing shoreline armoring from 600' to 500'.

Prior to considering the bids the Board discussed state law as it pertains to awarding bids for public construction projects. Chapter 26.9, Code of Iowa, indicates the “contract for the public improvement must be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.”

The Board shared concerns that one of the bidders could possibly not be a “responsible bidder” based on previous experience with this contractor. The Board discussed in great length whether to deny a bid from this contractor. After great debate it was begrudgingly decided that it would be in the best interest of the project to open all bids and award to the lowest bidder due to the tight timeline on the project.

The following bids were received:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid</b>
SL Baumeier Co.	\$89,784.00
Ricken Tiling, Inc.	\$93,696.70
Kinzebaw Earthmoving	\$89,965.00
Hatch Grading & Contracting	\$107,800.00
Con-Struct Inc.	\$118,900.00

After considerable discussion it was moved by McCool, seconded Wrage, that the contract for the pond/fish habitat project be awarded to S.L. Baumeier Co., carried. (All voting aye)

**Crop Lease Bids** It was reported that the bid received and awarded at the March 7 board meeting for the crop lease on 10.5 acres in Parcel B- Hansen Addition had been retracted by the high bidder. The reason given was he had inadvertently placed identical bids on the 10.5 acre parcel and the 18.5 acre Reinig Tract crop field.

Etzel indicated that he had contacted the next highest bidder and they were agreeable to stand by their bid on the parcel. After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage to award the crop lease for Parcel B Hansen Addition (3 year lease) to Kam Koster and Clint Wobeter for \$14,175.00, carried. (all voting aye)

**Naturalist** The Board discussed the need for a naturalist position for the Conservation Board. Adolphs commented that she had attended the spring meeting of the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards on March 10. She had found out that most counties in the state have a naturalist on staff and active environmental education programs. She felt the Board needs to find a way to pay for at least a part time naturalist. Etzel reported that he had been contacted by an adjoining county that may be interested in sharing a Naturalist position. Board members agreed that the need for a naturalist should be studied and the support of the Supervisors sought. Etzel will pursue discussions with adjoining counties about sharing a position.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage to adjourn, carried, Adjourned 9:25 p.m..

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CHAIR

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VICE-CHAIR