

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Acting Chairman Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Keenan, and Wrage. Also present: Etzel and Wise. [Note: In Chairman Anderson's absence, Vice-Chair Keenan served as Chair and Wrage served as Vice-Chair for this meeting.]

Minutes from the regular session of November 19, 2012, were read. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage 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>0001-22-6100-000-26000 Office Supplies</b>			
Staples Contract & Commercial	#7000309516 misc office supplies	147.83	147.83
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage</b>			
Etzel, Robert	As per one (1) receipts	39.70	39.70
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41300 Employee Mileage</b>			
Adolphs, Carolyn	For 2012, 560 mi @ \$0.45/mi	252.00	
Anderson, Eugene	For 2012, 165 mi @ \$0.45/mi	74.25	
Keenan, John	For 2012, 170 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	76.50	
McCool, Lana	For 2012, 180 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	81.00	
Wrage, Nathan	For 2012, 420 mi @ \$0.45 per mi	189.00	
		672.75	672.75
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone</b>			
Verizon	16Nov12, 484-2231 (office)	14.18	
	19Nov12, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.11	
	16Nov12, 484-5314 (shop)	14.29	
Windstream	20Nov12, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 payphone	128.60	
	20Nov12, 484-5314 (shop)	57.65	
		229.83	229.83
<b>0001-22-6100-000-42200 School of Instruction</b>			
IACCBE	Winterfest registration: Dolash, Etzel, Wise	275.00	275.00
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor</b>			
Wise, Craig	9-Nov-12	1584.80	
	23-Nov-12	1584.80	



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

**Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report** Wise reported on work started or completed during November including closed east and west side of OCP for winter, fill cracks in mason block- camper's hill restroom, prepare maintainer and plow truck for winter, replace maintainer blade, pick up trash dumped at Manatt's Landing/ **Grant Applications** Etzel reported that grant applications have been filed with Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant (Salt Creek Mitigation acquisition), Fish Habitat Grant (shoreline armoring- Otter Creek Lake). An application will be filed in the near future with Mansfield Trust (Nature Center exhibits)/**Pond Project** Etzel indicated that Baumeier Co. is very close to 100% completion. In fact only a few minor things remain. He will keep pressuring them to wrap up the project so reimbursement can be sought on the grants received on the project./**Turkey Survey** The 2012 turkey survey from the Iowa DNR was shared with the Board. State-wide turkey populations have increased in 2012.

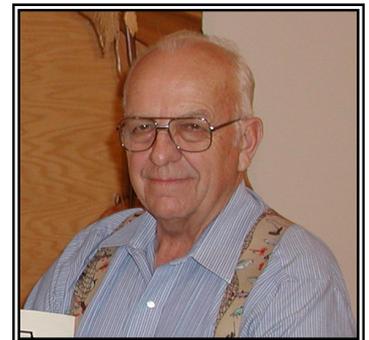
**Election of Officers** The Board discussed officers for the Board for 2013. After short discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs that Keenan serve as Chairman for 2013, carried. (al voting aye)

It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage that McCool serve as Vice-Chair for 2013, carried. (all voting aye)

**Izaak Walton Shooting Facility** The board reviewed improvements suggested by the Ike's Planning Committee at the committee's meeting in late October. The Board feels high priority items should include: improved parking, covered stations for the 100 yard station, and a restroom as budget allows and if grants can be secured.

Etzel reported that no word has been received from the Izaak Walton League of America regarding the lease for the property. If this is not resolved by January the Board may not be able to file for a grant through the Iowa DNR to assist with the needed improvements.

**Anderson Retires** Etzel reported that he had been contacted by Gene Anderson, Toledo, regarding the end of his most recent five year appointment to the Conservation Board. Anderson has decided to "retire" from the Conservation Board at the end of December. Anderson has served admirably since October, 1993. All in attendance noted how Anderson has been a valuable and active board member over the last nineteen years and that his passion and participation will be missed. Etzel will notify the Supervisors regarding Anderson's decision.



The Board briefly discussed some possible candidates for the vacant position.

**Road Stone Available** Wrage mentioned that PCI is hauling road stone from the wind-tower locations in the county at a very reasonable price. The Board discussed possible areas where the stone could be used. Many of the sites that need stone would not allow access by a side dump truck.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage to adjourn, carried, Adjourned 8:15 p.m..

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VICE-CHAIR