

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

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

Minutes from the regular session of March 6, 2013, were read. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Atchison 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	Help wanted ads- all county publications 13Mar13	104.28	104.28
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage</b>			
Etzel, Robert	as per five (5) receipts	79.78	79.78
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone</b>			
Verizon	16Mar13, 484-2231 (office)	17.89	
	19Mar13, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.56	
	16Mar13, 484-5314 (shop)	15.03	
Windstream	19Feb13, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	128.09	
	19Feb13, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>55.76</u>	
		232.33	232.33
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223</b>			
Wise, Craig	1-Mar-13	1,584.80	
	15-Mar-13	1,584.80	
	29-Mar-13	<u>1,584.80</u>	
		4,754.40	4,754.40
<b>0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary</b>			
Dolash, Ron	1-Mar-13	1,460.80	
	15-Mar-13	1,460.80	
	29-Mar-13	<u>1,460.80</u>	
		4,382.40	4,382.40
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair</b>			
J&V Auto	#450490 hyd oil, caop screws (6); #450431 hose end (2), hose (15)	223.11	223.11
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Dolezal Farm Supply	#0062051 fence/gate materials- gates (3), hinges, gate wheels, etc.	602.00	
Foster's Inc.	#10213310 DeWitt tree waterers (60) @ \$9.95 ea	616.88	
Menard's	#19296 refrigerator 17.6 cu ft for main shop	449.00	
Poweshiek water Assoc	Water, OCP- West 20Mar13 meter read, Prev: 226K, Current: 239K, Used: 13K	100.50	
	Water, OCP- East 20Mar13 meter read, Prev: 202K, Current: 203K, Used: 1 K	38.50	

	Water, TF Clark Park 20Mar13 meter read, Prev: 9K, Current: 9K, Used:0 K	35.00	
Premier Office Equip. Inc.	#024231 Premier Platinum Plan, Sharp AR-651 copier through 28Apr13	48.00	
Superior Welding Supply Co	#S650587 Acetylene #4 (1)	80.23	
Tama Co. CVB	1/2 page ad in Tama County Tourism Brochure (2 yrs)	200.00	
Tama Co. Solid Waste	31Mar13 Landfill fees- Mar	<u>10.00</u>	
		2,180.11	2,180.11
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43000 LP Gas</b>			
New Century FS	Pre-paid LP purchase, Ticket #18484, 9Apr13 350 gals LP @ \$1.459/gal = \$510.65, LPER = \$1.75, HAZ = \$3.15		
	Main res = 100, Main shop = 250 gals		
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity</b>			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Mar13, 7,167 kwh- meter #1, 7,104 kwh- NC	1,387.01	
	OCP thru 1Apr13, 7,024 kwh- meter #1, 6,836 kwh- NC	<u>1,354.08</u>	
		2,741.09	<u>2,741.09</u>
<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>			<b>14,697.50</b>
<b>FROM NATURE CENTER TRUST</b>			
<b>0031-22-6120-000-29272 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
My Mother's Place	Fun Nite (6Apr13), 170 meals @ \$8.75/meal	1,487.50	
Wesermann, Robert	Presenter- Fun Nite	<u>292.00</u>	
		1,779.50	1,779.50
<b>0031-22-6120-000-29672 Art Supplies</b>			
Wild Wings	#240684, #240329 Items for Fun Night	965.61	
Zach Wildlife Art	"Heading for Cover". Decorah Eagles, Bluebirds, Robin, November Frost	<u>568.00</u>	
		1,533.61	1,533.61
<b>0031-22-6120-000-61094 Perm Imp</b>			
Museum Professionals, Inc.	#800- Phase 1- Diorama payment #2 of 10 equal payments	25,051.60	<u>25,051.60</u>
<b>Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust</b>			<b>\$28,364.71</b>
<b>FROM LAD Account</b>			
<b>0027-22-0210-000-60000 LAD Account</b>			
Utterback, Adam	Refund portion of Ike's Fee as per motion at 6Mar13 board meeting	30.00	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
<b>Total All Bills Submitted</b>			<b>\$43,092.21</b>

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

**Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report** Wise reported on work started or completed during March including snow removal, repair picnic tables and deck chairs at Nature Center, repair rain gutter on restroom, tear out and repair partial exterior wall at main shop, Set up- Fun Night, erect purple martin houses, inspect forest reserve applications, give presentation for government day./ **Phase 1- Nature Center Diorama** work is progressing on the project with the landform starting to be fiberglassed./**Fun Nite for the Nature Center** The Board discussed the event. The program was popular and the food good./ **Environmental Education** Mike Havlik appeared at the iExplore STEM activity at North Tama School on April 7. Etzel had received an e-mail from the coordinator of the event stating that Havlik's presentation was very popular.

**Renaming Facilities** Etzel had been approached by new County Supervisor Dan Anderson regarding an inquiry from a resident interested in seeing the Maria Hladik Roadside Park renamed to honor two of his friends that lost their lives in the Viet Nam War. This person was to contact Etzel directly with a proposal but had not at this time.

The Board discussed that renaming of a facility would require a very special circumstance and would not be done lightly. Also, most of the facilities that bear a person's name do so because the family donated the property.

Etzel mentioned the Board will need to discuss possible names for the Salt Creek Mitigation property that should be acquired sometime later in 2013 or early 2014. Etzel pointed out the Iowa DNR manages two tracts near Vining with the names Salt Creek Wildlife Area- East and West. To avoid confusion a different name for the facility may be wise.

**Phase 1- Nature Center Exhibits- Diorama** To meet the requirements of Iowa Code, Chapter 573- Performance Bonds, Museum Professionals is willing to post funds as allowed in Chapter 573.4 in lieu of an actual performance bond. It is estimated that the cost of a performance bond for the project will be in the \$10,000 - \$14,000 range. By posting the funds the \$10,000 - \$14,000 can be available for any cost over-runs on the project rather than be expended securing a bond.

Etzel recommended hiring Steve Kenkel, Attorney, to research and draft any documents relative to this course of action. After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded McCool to hire Steve Kenkel, attorney, to research and draft needed documents to meet the requirements of Iowa Code, Chapter 573, carried. (all voting aye)

**Grant** Etzel presented a "Terms of Grant" agreement with the Tama County Community Foundation to the Board. The Community Foundation recently awarded \$7,500 for the Tama County Nature Center- Exhibit Component project. After discussion it was moved by McCool, seconded Adolphs to accept the \$7,500 grant and enter into the agreement, carried. (all voting aye)



Relative to the grant award Etzel requested that Board Members try to attend the grant award ceremony to be held at 7 p.m., April 17, at the Reing Center in Toledo. The Board voiced how appreciative they were of the Foundation's support of the Nature Center project.

**Staff Needs/Naturalist** The Board continued discussions regarding the urgent need to add a staff person to meet growing demands of the program. For the Nature Center and the environmental education outreach of the board to fulfill the promise to provide a "coordinated, quality effort to provide continuing environmental education" for children, families and adults a full time staff person is needed.

The Board discussed the need to involve the Board of Supervisors in a discussion in this regards.

It was pointed out that Benton County Conservation recently interviewed applicants to add a second Naturalist to their program.



**Ike's Tract** The Board discussed the facility. A request was made to place a couple picnic tables at the facility so shooters waiting to gain access to the range will have a place to sit and converse. Staff will place two tables at the facility on a trial basis.

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

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