

0001-22-6110-000-25450			
Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
Carquest of Toledo	#462240, 6 volt battery	122.18	
J&V Auto Parts	#452037 wiper blades, bulbs, saw blade, battery, oil, bits	<u>106.77</u>	
		228.95	228.95
0001-22-6110-000-29252			
Main & Supplies			
Appraisal & Real Estate Services	Appraisal- Salt Creek Mitigation tract	850.00	
Etzel, Robert	Registration- Dist 1 Mtg- Greene County (Etzel, Wise)	16.00	
Grainger	#801293671 bulbs 60W (12), 65W (12)	106.12	
Iowa Falls Fire Ext Sales & Service	#1375 annual inspection- extinguishers & tags (31)	468.35	
Midwest Telephone Supply	#313539 4.8V NI-CAD	23.05	
Poweshiek water Assoc	Water, OCP- West 19Apr13 meter read, Prev: 239K, Current: 253K, Used: 14K	105.00	
	Water, OCP- East 19Apr13 meter read, Prev: 203K, Current: 205K, Used: 2K	42.00	
	Water, TF Clark Park 19Apr13 meter read, Prev: 9K, Current: 9K, Used:0 K	35.00	
Wending Quarries	#505244 118.83T 1" rd stone @ \$8.90/T	1,057.59	
Wilkerson Hardware	#A78200 fasteners (29), washers, snap links	<u>17.30</u>	
		2,720.41	<u>2,720.41</u>
	Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget		\$ 9,413.94
FROM NATURE CENTER TRUST			
0031-22-6120-000-29272			
Main & Supplies			
Des Moines YMCA Camp	22Apr13 4th grade field day- pay for Naturalists, 70 students @ \$9.75 ea	682.50	
Des Moines YMCA Camp	7Apr13 STEM Festival- two presentations	<u>300.00</u>	
		982.50	
0031-22-6120-000-61094			
Perm Imp			
Museum Professionals, Inc.	#802- Phase 1- Diorama payment #3 of 10 equal payments	25,051.60	
	Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust		\$ 26,034.10
Total All Bills Submitted			\$ 35,448.04

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 April including picnic tables to Ike's Tract, pull gravel back onto park roadway after winter, Otter Creek Paark- open east and west sides of park, service mowers, pull insulation- NC display room, blade Ike's and McCoy's, open TF Clark Park, place fishing docks, Wolf Creek Trail- re-install bench, two donated trees planted, clean boat ramps/ **Seasonal Staff** Rick Brown has started work as a Seasonal Conservation Aide on April 22. Seasonal Rangers to start on May 10. Second Seasonal Conservation Aide to begin on May 13. **Environmental Education** Mike Havlik and a crew of naturalists participated in the 4th Grade Conservation Field Day at the Tama County Nature Center on April 22. Seventy 4th grade students attended the event from North Tama and Dysart-Geneseo Elementary./**Phase 1-display component** Etzel reported that progress continues on the diorama project. Terry Brown, Museum Professionals, is planning a trip to Tama County to collect samples and meet with contractors sometime in mid-May/2013 **Construction Projects** Etzel reported to the Board the projects targeted for completion during 2013. They included: Nature Center- repair to the exterior, correction of water problems, Park Roads- a chip seal to roads at Otter Creek Lake and Park, replace dilapidated picnic pads at beach area, Picnic point- handicap parking and access to picnic pad, Hansen Addition- remove interior fences, plant trees and shrubs in mitigation site- Parcel C- Hansen Addition.

Nature Center- Address water issues A significant problem with mold, mildew and wood rot in the display room area of the Nature Center was discovered. Prior to the diorama being installed work has to be done to eliminate this problem. Work required will include digging down two to three feet around the perimeter of the display room, placing drainage tile from the front door and along the north and west sides of the building, removal of cedar shakes and decorative block- making the walls waterproof, and install horizontal lap-side cement board, tear out and replace the bottom sheeting in the wall, installation of rain gutter around display room and down length of building to west entry door onto the main floor.

The estimated cost of the work is \$21,977.50 which is the cost of materials and installation. The staff of the Conservation Board will assist whenever possible to reduce the cost of the project. Also Conservation staff will paint the cement board.

After a tour of the site and considerable discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage to hire Haughey Construction to make the necessary repairs, carried (All voting aye)

Phase 1- Nature Center Exhibits- Performance Bond 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. A "Deposit Agreement in Lieu of Performance Bond", drafted by Steve Kenkel, Attorney, was presented to the Board. After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded McCool to enter into the agreement, carried. (All voting aye)



Rules for Pond- Parcel A- Hansen Addition Etzel presented suggested rules for the new pond built adjacent to Otter Creek Lake NE of the East bay of the lake. The 3.2 acre pond which was completed the fall of 2012 will eventually have fishing stocked for recreational use as well as serve as a silt pond for the lake.

FISHING POND- PARCEL A- HANSEN ADDITION The following are rules that apply to the fishing pond lying NE of the SE bay of Otter Creek Lake. This applies to the fishing pond and area immediately adjacent only.

- i. **Boats-** No watercraft or flotation device of any type will be allowed on the pond. Only exception is use by park staff for maintenance of the pond and to perform fisheries work or for special events hosted by the Conservation Board.
- ii. **Fishing-** Fishing is allowed in the pond as per rules and restrictions of the Tama County Conservation Board and state law.
- iii. **Swimming-** no swimming allowed.
- iv. **Parking-** All vehicles must be parked in interior parking lots of Otter Creek Lake & Park and access gained via foot trails provided.
 - a. **No Parking** is allowed along N Ave.
- v. **Field Dog Training** The pond may be used for training of dogs for water retrieves if the following is met:
 - a. No one is fishing in the pond
 - b. Dogs cannot be allowed to run at large and must be kept on a leash not longer than six (6) feet if not actively engaged in water retrieves. Trainer must be in full control of dog at all times while training and off leash.

- c. If other people are using the pond the owner of dog(s) must assure adequate distance is maintained between the dog training area and other users of the pond to avoid user conflicts. An “adequate distance” is defined as at least 100 feet of separation.

After discussion it was moved by McCool, seconded Atchison, to accept the rules for the pond as presented, carried. (All voting aye) **[NOTE: Initial fish stocking of fingerling bluegills occurred the spring of 2013. Largemouth bass and catfish will be stocked in the fall of 2013. It is anticipated that good fishing will not occur until late 2014 at the earliest.]**

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 establish a “coordinated, quality effort to provide continuing environmental education” for children, families and adults a full time staff person is needed.

It was reported that Allamakee County Conservation Board, who has never had a Naturalist, recently added a full time naturalist position to their staff.

General Discussion Atchison inquired about the pond at the Izaak Walton Facility. He said the pond’s dam had been dug out to release water from the pond. Staff will check on this.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Wrage, seconded Atchison to adjourn, carried. Adjourned 8:25 p.m..



“It takes time—loose, unstructured dreamtime—to experience nature in a meaningful way.”
Richard Louv

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