

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

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

Minutes from the regular session of August 7, 2013, were read. It was moved by Wrage, seconded Atchison to accept the minutes as read, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND			
		Amount of Bill	Category Total
0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage			
Etzel, Robert	as per two (2) receipts	46.20	46.20
0001 22 6100 000 41400 Telephone			
Verizon	16Aug13, 484-2231 (office)	33.82	
	16Aug13, 484-5314 (shop)	14.40	
	19Aug13, 484-4157 (payphone)	15.45	
Windstream	20Aug13, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (payphone)	131.27	
	20Aug13, 484-5314 (shop)	57.51	
		252.45	252.45
0001 22 6100 000 42200 School of Instruction			
CCPOA of Iowa, Inc.	CCPOA Fall Workshop- Etzel, Wise	80.00	
IACCB	Annual Conference- Registration- Wrage	<u>215.00</u>	
		295.00	295.00
0001 22 6100 000 48000 Dues & Memberships			
CCPOA of Iowa, Inc.	Dues- FY '14 Etzel, Wise	20.00	20.00
0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary- Main Supervisor			
Wise, Craig	2-Aug-13	1,614.40	
	16-Aug-13	1,614.40	
	30-Aug-13	<u>1,614.40</u>	
		4,843.20	4,843.20
0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary- Conservation Technician			
Dolash, Ron	2-Aug-13	1,482.40	
	16-Aug-13	1,482.40	
	30-Aug-13	<u>1,482.40</u>	
		4,447.20	4,447.20
001-6110-101-22-224 Salary			
Bergmann, Sandy	2-Aug-13	553.50	
	16-Aug-13	663.00	
	30-Aug-13	592.50	
Brown, Rick	2-Aug-13	645.75	
	16-Aug-13	621.00	
	30-Aug-13	276.75	

Gettle, Clayton	2-Aug-13	496.38	
	16-Aug-13	477.13	
	30-Aug-13	497.75	
Horne, Dustin	2-Aug-13	648.00	
	16-Aug-13	720.00	
	30-Aug-13	<u>648.00</u>	
		6,839.76	6,839.76
0001-22-6110-000-25350 Mt Veh- Tires			
Z Line Tire & Repair	#1-85254 tubes (8), #1-85363 tire repair	90.37	90.37
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
Carquest	#14452-81186 hose clamps, air filter, fuel inj clnr, oil filter	36.22	
Central Iowa Farm Store	#10988M '09 Kubota F3080 repair hyd leak;#10989M replace fuel tank		
	09 Kubota M6040HDC tractor,#24805M misc supplies	1,909.31	
J&V Auto Parts	#456694 hose ends, 14.5' hose	77.19	
	#456686 fitting, hose, hose ends	42.85	
	#456606 hyd oil(2)	104.98	
	#456656 grease, oil, oil filters	<u>100.73</u>	
		2,271.28	2,271.28
0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools			
Menard's	#35921 3 pc utility brush set	17.97	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	#2686691 paint brush (3), torx bit (2)	<u>27.14</u>	
		45.11	45.11
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Central Iowa Distributing	#11073 misc cleaning and odor supplies	1,000.05	
Clapsaddle- Garber Assoc., Inc.	#30741 Eng Services- Wolf Creek Trail-cost estimates for FEMA	1,500.00	
Etzal, Robert	12Aug13 food- volunteers for diorama unloading	20.00	
Fareway	#46 misc supplies	5.85	
Hrabak Lumber	Materials- NC renovation #0143121-CM, #0143150-IN, #0143189-IN	2,331.09	
	#0143245-IN, #0143286-CM,#0143340-IN,#0143436-IN		
Menard's	#35921 shrubs (NC), edging, roller cover, Rustoleum, paint tray liner	61.31	
Paul's Ace Hardware	#001407 screws, conduit supplies;#001379 hanger pipe, conduit	70.21	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	water, OCP East for Jul/Aug, 20Aug13, current 253K, Prev 233K, Used 20K	132.00	
	water, OCP West for Jul/Aug, 20Aug13, current 327K, Prev 308, Used 19K	127.50	
	water, TFCP for Jul/Aug, 20Aug13, current 10K, Prev 10K, Used 0	35.00	
Scharnweber Water Cond.	2Aug13 carbon filter (2), softener parts; 8Aug13 replace culvert- south loop	1,225.45	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	#2686691 Satin White paint (4), BBQ black high heat enamel	146.25	

Tama County Highway Dept	#44 44' culvert @ \$9.51 per ft, 15" culvert band @ \$18.30 ea	420.90	
Wending Quarries	#522955 6Aug13 15.21 T 1" rd stone @ \$8.90 per T	135.37	
Wilkerson Hardware	#B139732 toilet seat, #B140041 hose repair male	<u>47.08</u>	
		7,258.06	7,258.06
0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Aug13, 15,810 KWH- meter #1	1,569.08	
	2,310 kwh- meter #2 (NC)	220.84	
	security lights	156.00	
Traer Municipal Utilities	TFCP thru 15Aug13, 172 kwh		
	Base charge	20.00	
	Electricity	22.25	
	Sec light	30.56	
	PCA	<u>-1.08</u>	
		2,017.65	2,017.65
0001-22-0210-000-61094 Bldgs & Perm Imp			
Haughey Construction	#2013-019a Final Billing- NC Exterior Repairs (partial)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget			\$ 33,426.28
From REAP Account			
0023-22-0210-000-60096 REAP Account			
Museum Professionals, Inc	#807 Phase 1- Diorama Project, 7 of 10 equal payments	25,051.60	
Total Bills Submitted, REAP Account			\$ 25,051.60
From LAD Account			
0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital Projects			
Haughey Construction	#2013-019a Final Billing- NC Exterior Repairs and interior changes (partial)	34,851.66	
Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account			\$ 34,851.66
From Nature Center Trust Account			
0031-22-6120-000-29272 Main & Supplies			
International Bronze	#13-33826 Mem plaque (LaRue Atchison);#13-33826 (Allan Atchison)	388.00	
Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust Account			\$388.00
From Motor Vehicle & Machinery Account			
2000-22-6100-000-63500 Mt Veh & Machinery Account			
Central Iowa Farm Store	#8790 '13 Kubota F3680 mower w/deck incl trade in of 2009 F3680	9,978.00	
Total Bills Submitted, Mtr Vehicle & Machinery Account			\$9,978.00
Total All Bills Submitted			\$ 103,695.54

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

Reports and Correspondence. Staff Report Wise reported on work started or completed during August including Nature Center- paint exhibit rooms, move conduit & duct in basement, assist in moving diorama components into the building, Otter Creek Park- mowing of trails for STC x-country meet of 16Sep, mow lake edge, Columbia Wildlife- mow / **Phase 1-display component** The landform of the diorama arrived on August 12, work has continued on the diorama with the muralist and fabricator staying on-site. Anticipate completion of the diorama by end of September. / **Nature Center- exterior repair** Huaghey Construction has completed work on both the exterior and interior of the Nature Center./**FEMA /Wolf Creek Trail damage** An on-site visit with Danny Sanders, FEMA representative, occurred on August 15 to assess damage to the trail. No updates have been received from FEMA at this time. Etzel reminded the Board that the local share for this disaster is 15%. For example: If it costs \$400,000 to fix the trail a \$60,000 local match will be required./**Izaak Walton Shooting Facility** A sign-up meeting was held on August 29 with five people becoming authorized shooters for the range bringing the total number of authorized shooters to 137. Jim Allen, Allan Atchison and Bob Mullen have volunteered time during August to construct a shelter over the 100 yard shooting stations and placing belting to hang targets on for the 50 yard shooting stations. Remaining on the shelter project is installation of the steel roof.

Tour- Nature Center Diorama The Board members took a look at progress being made on the diorama installation at the Nature Center. Terry Brown answered questions of the Board.

Appraisal- Salt Creek Mitigation Acquisition Etzel reported that the Iowa DNR has continued to deny the appraisal being submitted. The current appraiser is unable to bring the report to the DNR standards. After discussion the Board agreed they need to bring someone on board that can produce the needed appraisal quickly and to DNR standards. Etzel shared that Steve Badger, Marshalltown, could produce the appraisal in 30 days. Badger has done multiple appraisals meeting the DNR's requirements. A motion was made by Adolphs, seconded Wrage, that Rob Wobeter, Toledo, be contacted and if Wobeter can provide the appraisal meeting DNR standards within 30 days, that he be selected for the appraisal however if he does not agree to these requirements that Steve Badger be hired to complete the appraisal, carried. (all voting aye)

Firewood Policy- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Etzel presented a resolution passed recently by the Scott County Conservation Board addressing firewood brought into Scott County parks in light of the recent discovery of Emerald Ash Borer being found in the nearby counties of Jefferson and Des Moines County.

The Scott County Policy stated:

1. To stem the spread of firewood borne pests, officials are asking Iowans to not move firewood and instead buy and burn locally.
2. That in accordance with State and Federal guidelines, the Conservation Board hereby prohibits the importation of firewood onto any properties under the jurisdiction of the Scott County Conservation Board from outside Scott County unless, it meets the State of Iowa and USDA firewood labeling requirements.
3. All unauthorized firewood may be removed and destroyed by agency staff, and violators may be cited under the authority of Chapter 350 of the Iowa Code

The invasion of Emerald Ash Borer appears to be inevitable across Iowa however efforts to contain and slow the spread are being implemented. Many counties are considering changing their current policies to be much more restrictive of what firewood is allowed into their parks. The movement of the pest via firewood and lumber products speeds its dispersal into other areas.

The current firewood policy for Tama County states that out of state firewood is prohibited in the county parks.

The Board discussed the policy and while recognizing the magnitude of the problem felt that if Tama County enacted the policy without the surrounding counties on board it may lead to some enforcement challenges since some of the park users come from adjoining counties.

Any action was tabled and Etzel instructed to evaluate what the counties surrounding Tama County are doing in this regard.

Izaak Walton League Shooting Facility Atchison reported that additional materials are needed to finish the covered 100 yards shooting stations. The estimated cost of the materials is approximately \$300. After discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs to



Over 40 million ash trees have been killed in Michigan due to EAB.



purchase the additional materials to complete the project, carried. (all voting aye)



Staffing Needs The Conservation Board discussed the need to add staff to address the increasing demands of maintenance, park enforcement and developing an active environmental education program. The Board instructed Etzel to draft a job description for the needed staff person.

Nature Center Diorama Etzel encouraged the board members to begin thinking about how the public will access the exhibit room at the Nature Center. The Board will need to decide what days of the week, what hours, if the room will be made available to groups renting the other portions of the building, etc. Also, who will serve as a docent for the exhibit.

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

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR