

## **January 2021**

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 pm by Chair, Adolphs. Members present were: Adolphs, Atchison, Keenan, and Wrage. Also present: Craig Wise (Staff).

Minutes from the December 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Wacha, seconded by Keenan to approve the minutes as recorded, carried, all voting aye.

Bills were presented to be paid from the month of December 2020 including all past due bills. It was moved by Keenan, seconded by Wacha to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

Chairman Adolphs asked for a motion to make Atchison the new Chairman and Wacha the new Vice Chairman for 2021. It was moved by Keenan, second by Wrage, carried, all voting aye

### Staff Reports

Staff reports for Maintenance work completed during the month of December were read. New trees were planted at TF Clark and Otter Creek Park to help replace some of the trees lost during the August storm. Staff continues to work on storm cleanup. Repairs have started on some of the damaged buildings. Due to COVID-19 Environmental Education events in person are not happening, but reports were shared on virtual programming. Scheduling and planning for 2021 are in progress.

### Iowa River Watershed Collation

A request was made by the collation to have someone representing Tama County Conservation Board sit on the collation. Dustin Horne, Conservation Tech, has stated that he will volunteer to fill that seat.

### Lake Restoration Project

Wise reported on the lake restoration phase 2 and phase 3 update.

### COVID-19 Response

The board discussed staff and operations changes due to COVID-19. The restrooms will be open, the nature center offices will remain closed. Business conducted by appointment only.

### Derecho Disaster

Wise reported on the 2020 Derecho emergency disaster clean-up and disaster applications through FEMA.

### Roadside Park

The sale of the Marie Hladik Roadside Park was finalized by the Tama County Board of Supervisors on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, resolution 11-23-2020B. The property was sold to Martin Hoskey in the amount of \$5,000.

### Budget

Wise presented the FY 2022 budget to the conservation board. An increase was noted due to the upcoming lake restoration project. Motion moved by Adolphs, second by Keenan, to approve the Tama County Conservation Board FY 2022 budget as presented, carried, (all voting aye).

### Director Position

Wrage made a motion to clarify acceptance of the resignation letter presented to Tama County Human Resources by Logan Roberts. The letter was dated December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Roberts last day is December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion was second by Wacha, carried, all voting aye.

The board discussed the hiring of the new director. Adds will be placed the week of January 11, 2021 and applications will be accepted through February 8<sup>th</sup>.

The salary range for the new director position will be \$59,000 - \$68,000. It was motioned by Wrage, second by Atchison to set the new salary range, carried, all voting aye.

The February board meeting has been changed to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Adolphs, seconded by Keenan to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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