

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at the Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Lake & Park. The meeting was called to order by Chair Keenan at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Atchison, Keenan and Wrage. Also present: Etzel, Roberts, Wise, and Kendall Jordan (Supervisor).

Minutes from the regular session of August 1, 2018, were read. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage 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
0001-22-6100-100-661			
Salary- Director			
Etzel, Robert	10-Aug-18	2,123.96	
	24-Aug-18	<u>2,123.96</u>	
		4,247.92	4,247.92
0001-22-6100-000-41400			
Telephones			
Verizon	1Aug18, 484-2231 (office)	15.80	
Windstream	20Aug18, 484-2231 (office)	78.13	
	20Aug18, 484-5314 (shop)	<u>60.21</u>	
		154.14	154.14
0001-22-6100-000-42200			
School of Instruction			
Iowa's County Conservation System	Regis- Etzel, Wise for CCPOA Workshop 8- 10Oct18	80.00	
	Regis- Annual Conference- Wrage- Polk County 19- 21Sep18	<u>215.00</u>	
		295.00	295.00
0001-22-6100-00048000			
Dues & Membership			
CCPOA of Iowa, Inc.	Annual dues- Etzel, Wise @ \$15 ea	30.00	30.00
Salary- Main Supv/Ranger			
Wise, Craig	10-Aug-18	1,920.80	
	24-Aug-18	<u>1,920.80</u>	
		3,841.60	3,841.60
Salary- Conserv Tech/Park Ranger			
Ryan Rieger	10-Aug-18	1,618.40	
	24-Aug-18	<u>1,618.40</u>	
		3,236.80	3,236.80
Salary- Naturalist/Park Ranger			
Roberts, Logan	10-Aug-18	1,618.40	
	24-Aug-18	<u>1,618.40</u>	
		3,236.80	3,236.80
0001-6110-101-22-224			
Salary- Seasonal			
Bergmann, Sandi	13-Jul-18	598.13	
	27-Jul-18	627.13	
Filloon, Hunter	13-Jul-18	820.00	
	27-Jul-18	299.81	
Gumm, Brian	13-Jul-18	540.50	
	27-Jul-18	402.50	
Kucera, Kyle	13-Jul-18	738.00	

	27-Jul-18	563.75	
		4,589.82	4,589.82
TOTAL ALL SALARIES- MAINTENANCE		14,905.02	
0001-22-6110-000-25050 Mt Veh- fuels			
New Century FS, Inc.	B0003614477, 13Aug18, 208.1gls DXGOLD @ \$2.4795/gal	515.98	
	FET (LUST)	0.21	
	Hazmat fee	1.87	
	#B0003614476 Unleaded w/eth 291.7 gals @ \$2.2395/gal	653.26	
	FET (LUST)	0.29	
	Hazmat fee	2.63	
	State Mtr Vehicle tax @ \$0.29 per gl	84.59	
		1,258.83	1,258.83
0001-22-6110-000-25350 Mt Veh- tires			
Bears' Inc	22Aug18, #162756 tire repair IH 4900	50.00	50.00
0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh- Minor Repair			
J&V Auto Parts	#52157 ball mount; #521514 wiper blades, etc.;#521728 grease, bracket	231.07	231.07
0001-22-6110-000-29050 Min Equip- hand tools			
Central Iowa Dist.	#169285 hand sprayer	23.00	
Tama Toledo Ace Hardware	#015129 paint brush set, drill bits	16.56	
		39.56	39.56
0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main & Supplies			
Central Iowa Dist.	#169285 roach/ant killer, restroom cleaner, urinal blocks, drain cleaner, towels	734.65	
Cooley Pumping LLC	#82599 Ike's Tract 17Jul- 13Aug18	110.00	
	#82598 OCP- beach 17Jul- 13Aug18	220.00	
Hrabak Lumber	#006511 4x4x12' treated lumber	23.80	
Iowa DOT	#49978 sign- Heritage Wetlands (Hwy 30), #50223 trash bags, paper towles, bowl clnr	276.67	
Iowa Prison Industries	#948756 various signs	783.10	
New Century FS, Inc.	#56003693 regulators, parts	198.82	
Nutrien Ag Solutions	#37218308 Roundup Pro (5 gls), Pathfinder (10 gls), Reward (5 gals)	939.00	
Poweshiek Water Assoc	Water, TFCP for Jul/Aug Prev: 18K, Current: 18K, used: 0K	37.00	
	Water, OCP West for Jul/Aug, Prev: 1270K, Current:1272K, used: 2K	46.00	
	Water, OCP East for Jul/Aug , Prev:754K, Current: 773K, Used: 19K	140.50	
	Water, OCP- Main Res for Jul/Aug , Prev:104K, Current: 108K, Used: 4K	58.60	
Scharnweber Water Cond.	17Jul18 PVC coupling and adapter	6.25	
Schendel Pest Control	#01-0218321 bi-monthly pest control	60.00	
Tama Co. Solid Waste	Landfill fees, Jul	202.35	
Tama Toledo Ace Hardware	#015049 batteries, reflectors;#015330 breakers, etc.;		
Van Wall Equipment	#015129 roller cover, #015092	120.10	
Van Wall Equipment	#937448 3# spool (weed eater line), saw chain	69.90	
VISA	Git-N-Go 20Aug18, gas for Int 4900	30.00	
		4,056.74	4,056.74
0001-22-6110-000-43000 LP gas			
New Century FS, Inc.	LP Gas contract, 2,200 gals LO @ \$1.299 per gal plus LPER & HAZMAT	2,890.80	2,890.80

0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 1Aug18, 14,420 KWH- meter #1; 2,320 kwh- meter #2 (NC)		
	Monthly service charge	39.00	
	Energy charge	1,524.48	
	PCA public bldgs	-54.80	
	Aux meter	241.28	
	PCA Aux meter	-8.82	
	Security lights	28.00	
	Maintenance light	128.00	
Traer Municipal Utilities	TFCP thru 16Jul18, 121 KWH	64.11	
		1,961.25	1,961.25
0001-22-6110-000-63000 Ag & Horticulture			
Central Iowa Farm Store	#9704 F3990 Kubote outfront mower w/72" deck	28,026.00	
	Freight	1,100.00	
	Trade-in Kubota 3990 Ser #20134, 72" deck Ser #10357	-17,661.00	
		11,465.00	11,465.00
0001-22-6110-000-63700 Shop Equipment			
Central Iowa Distributing	#169637 hydro-foam sprayer	114.15	114.15
0001-22-6110-000-63597 Motor Vehicle			
Iowa DOT	#50400 1999 International 4900 truck (state auction)	9,000.00	9,000.00
From Nature Center Trust			
0031-22-6120-000-29272 Main & Supplies			
Craw Daddy Outdoors	#59402 eight canoes, trailer- Tama Co Comm Foundation Grant	10,740.00	
Fareway Stores	#00073798 misc food items for programs; #00042925 misc supplies- env ed	49.55	
Roberts. Logan	Hobby Lobby misc env ed supplies; Dollar Tree misc env ed supplies	81.87	
VISA	Petsmart, Walmart, Monarch watch, Amazon- misc Env Ed	109.12	
		10,980.54	10,980.54
Total All Bills Submitted			\$61,680.02

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

Reports and Correspondence. Maintenance Report Wise updated the Board on work started or completed during August. The work included: **Izaak Walton Shooting Facility** County road crews hauled dirt into facility beginning to build a protective berm between the 100 yard range and the short range, fix cables and posts/ **Otter Creek Park and Hansen Addition** weed eat lake and road edge for holiday weekend, electrical repair on five RV electrical pedestals, service mowers, replace boards on t-dock, handicap ramp and rotating barrel, replace beach buoy, clean silt covers, fix roads. / **Wolf Creek Trail** mow along trail and cut up fallen trees./ **River Boat Landings** Wise reported that all boat ramps are currently under flood waters./ **Naturalist Report** Roberts reported to the Board on things accomplished in August./ **Workshops Attended** During August Etzel attended the County Conservation Director's Association meeting in Des Moines on August 23. The meeting was part of the ISAC (Iowa State Assoc of Counties) meeting./ **IACCB Annual Conference** Etzel and Wrage will be attending the IACCB Annual Conference on September 19- 21 in Polk County./ **Fall Festival** Etzel and Roberts reported to the Board regarding the upcoming Fall Festival slated for Sunday, October 7 from 12 noon – 4 p.m.. The event will be held at the Tama County Nature Center. The Board discussed different components of the event and provided updates./ **Transition to new Director** The Board discussed the Housing Policy making adjustments and changes in language to the document. The newest draft will be discussed again.

Reinig Wildlife Refuge and Nature Study Area The Board discussed the future of the crop field at the facility. Etzel pointed out that the crop field is in the last year of the current crop lease and if the Board wanted to make changes this would be a good time to do that. He recommended the Board consider planting the 18.5 acre field into pollinator habitat. He needed direction from the Board before pursuing grant sources to help fund the transition. Wrage suggested that the Board, if allowed under grant programs, use something like oats in a spring planting for immediate protection of the soil while the forbs and grasses try to establish during year one. Etzel was hoping that a dormant frost seeding might be feasible if grant funds could be secured. The Board agreed to pursue retiring the crop field.



Land Acquisition Etzel relayed that he had information regarding real estate. After short discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs the Board enter into closed session as allowed under Chapter 21.5 (j), Code of Iowa to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate as premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to affect the price the county would either receive or pay for the property, Roll call vote: Adolphs- aye, Atchison-aye, Keenan- aye, Wrage-aye. Entered into closed session at 8:46 p.m.

It was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage the Board return to open session. Roll call vote: Adolphs- aye, Atchison-aye, Keenan- aye, and Wrage- aye. The Board returned to open session at 9:02 p.m..

South Loop Camp Area (Otter Creek Lake & Park) Renovation The plans and specifications for south loop campground improvements at Otter Creek Lake and Park were considered by the Board. Since no comments were received from the public it was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs that the project plans be accepted, carried. (all voting aye)



Bids for the Electrical Improvements and Water Service Improvements were considered. The following bids were received:

CONTRACTOR	WORK COMPONENT	AMOUNT BID
Scharnweber, Inc.	Electrical service for South Loop	\$44,950.00
Scharnweber, Inc.	Water Service for South Loop	\$19,650.00

After discussion it was moved by Atchison, seconded Adolphs to award the contract for the electrical upgrades for south loop campground, Otter Creek Lake & Park, to Scharnweber, Inc., carried. (All voting aye)

Moved by Atchison, seconded Wrage, to award the contract for water service improvements for south loop campground, Otter Creek Lake & Park to Scharnweber, Inc., carried. (All voting aye)

The Board discussed other amenities that will be included in the upgrades including six back-in campsites (including two ADA back in sites), picnic tables, and fire rings.

Nature Center Rental- request to waive fees Etzel shared a request received from Darwin Graham, organizer of the Charley Townsley Memorial Ripple Run 5K. The event is a fundraiser for the South Tama Schools Activity Booster Club and scholarship fund. The event will be held at Otter Creek Lake & Park on Saturday, October 13. They plan to use the Nature Center for a free-will breakfast following the run/walk. Graham requests that rental fees be waived due to the fundraising nature of the event.



After discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Atchison that fees for the rental of the Nature Center be waived for this event, carried. (All voting aye)

Cessford/OMG Wildlife Area ROW agreements were presented to the Board for their consideration. The agreements are for two adjoining landowners (McCoy and Hinegardner) to gain limited access across this tract. The presented agreements were drafted by the attorney for the Board. After discussion it was moved by Wrage, seconded Adolphs that the agreements are acceptable to the Board and if the adjoining landowners agree as written that Etzel, serving as agent for Tama County, be allowed to sign the agreements, carried. (All voting aye) **Note:** If any language changes are requested by the adjacent landowners then the agreements will have to come back before the board.

Lead Poisoning Information received from SOAR (Save Our Avian Resources) and RARE (Raptor Advocacy Rehabilitation and Education) was presented and discussed. The materials addressed the concern of lead poisoning in wildlife (especially bald eagles). The groups are seeking an increased level of action from County Conservation Boards regarding this problem. After discussion the Board felt the Tama County Conservation Board's efforts should be centered on educating hunters and encouraging the increased use of non-lead ammo for all kinds of hunting. They also felt it important that non-lead sources of sinkers used for fishing be encouraged.



Ingestion of Spent Lead Ammunition:

Implications for Wildlife and Humans

Wolf Creek Trail- fencing request The Board discussed a request from Dennis Gienger regarding location of a fence along the Wolf Creek Trail. Gienger, who owns land adjoining the trail, is requesting the Board allow him to place new high tensile fence approximately 3' – 5' from south edge of trail for approximately 1,300 feet. The request seeks to benefit from higher elevation near the trail which will minimize damage to the fence due to flooding from Wolf Creek. Board members voiced concern regarding the importance of maintaining the green vegetation along the trail for scenic impact for trail users. After discussion it was reluctantly moved by Wrage, seconded Atchison that the Board allow Gienger to place the fence where requested if he will replace the barbed wire fence west of the requested location with smooth high tensile fence taking care to minimize any impact or disruption of vegetation within the existing ROW while installing the fence, carried. (all voting aye)



After discussion of several conservation topics it was moved by Graff, seconded Atchison to adjourn, carried. (all voting aye) Adjourned 9:50 p.m.

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR