

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Lake and Park. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. Members present were: Atchison, Keenan, Wacha and Wrage. Also present: Logan Roberts (Staff) and Kendall Jordan (Board of Supervisors) and Billy Dreesman.

Minutes from the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Wacha, seconded by Atchison to approve the minutes as recorded, carried. (All voting aye).

Bills were presented to be paid in the month of August 2019. It was moved by Atchison, seconded by Wacha to approve bills, carried (all voting aye).

### **Staff Reports**

Staff reports for Maintenance and Environmental Education work completed during the month of May were shared.

### **Guests**

Guest attendee Billy Dreesman address the board with a proposal regarding the park residence.

### **Lake Restoration Project**

Roberts updated the board on the procedures for beginning the Otter Creek Lake Restoration project. She requested board permission to start the process of creating an RFP for the initial phase of the project. It was moved by Wrage, seconded by Wacha to proceed with the RFP, carried (all voting aye).

### **Oxbow Bottoms Wildlife Area**

Roberts updated the board on the Oxbow Bottoms Wildlife Area ROW Easements. She informed the board that a public hearing will go before the Board of Supervisors in September regarding the ROW easements.

### **Maria Hladik Roadside Park**

The board discussed the management of Maria Hladik roadside park and disposal of the property. It was moved by Wacha, seconded by Atchison to proceed with posting the property for sale through a sealed bid process, with the board reserving the right to reject all bids, carried (all voting aye).

### **Transition to New Director**

The board discuss the director park residence and the future of the structure. It was motioned by Wrage, seconded by Wacha, to remove the residence and create a storage facility with the foundation, carried (all voting aye). Kendall Jordan indicated that the Board of Supervisors would like to approve this proposal before the board move ahead with the removal of the residence.

Roberts present historic monthly and yearly averages spent on maintenance and utilities for the residence. The board discussed compensation to Roberts in lieu of the park residence benefit.

### **Updates to Park Rules & Regulation to Reflect New ADA Campsite Policy**

Agenda item was tabled to provide more time to consider changes to Park Rules & Regulations.

### **Nature Center & Event Room Updates**

Roberts shared cost estimates for newer, lightweight 8' folding tables and discussed how they would benefit the staff and renters of the building in setting up more efficiently and with less damages to the event room. It was moved by Wrage, seconded by Atchison to order thirty new Lifetime folding tables from The Nature Center Trust, carried (all voting aye).

**Campground Management – Restricted User**

Roberts informed the board about two campers rangers encountered issues with in the month of July. The two mentioned campers have been repeating offenders in previous years. It was moved by Wacha, seconded by Wrage to ban the campers from all Tama County Conservation campgrounds indefinitely, carried (all voting aye).

**Fall Festival**

The board discussed plans for the annual Fall Festival, to be held on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and also include a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Tama County Conservation.

With no new business it was motioned by Atchison, seconded by Wacha to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm, all carried.

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Chair

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Vice-Chair