

July 2021

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, July 7th, 2021 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Atchinson.

Board Members present: Atchison, Wacha, and Wrage.

Staff Members present: Mayne, Wise, Kelly, Jensen, Kifer.

Public present: N/A

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the April 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Wrage, seconded by Wacha to approve the minutes as recorded, carried, all voting aye.

Approval of Bills

Bills were presented to be paid from the month of April 2021. It was moved by Wacha, seconded by Wrage to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: N/A

Maintenance Report: Wise's report included; West side is officially closed; Construction began on June 22nd. Drop structure in BMP 6 has been removed. Cover has been removed from BMP 5. BMP 2 construction has begun. BMP 12 pond has been drained completely. Ikes tree removal from the fences to begin. New picnic tables being built, prairie fire breaks mowed, dog waste stations installed, trees caged and mulched, playground safety surfacing on west side applied, Wolfe Creek Trail trees trimmed, tractor grill fixed, Columbia trails cleared and mowed, 2005 Chevy serviced, tent section brush piles moved, DNR banded 35 new geese and 11 re-banded, handicap parking lots repainted.

Environmental Education Report: Kelly's report included; field trip schedules & planning, public program advertising and preparation, classroom programming planning, summer day camp planning, live animal care, Nature Center Basement renovation planning, live animal display designing for Nature Center Basement. Kelly mentioned that he hosted and participated in 12 public events in the month of June.

Meetings Attended: Mayne's report included; Phase 3 LRP meeting, Soil and water conservation meeting, IPERS Day meeting, Benefits Day meeting, DNR came out and shocked Otter Creek Lake and Park, meeting with director of Poweshiek County.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project: Wise reported; BMP 6 is drying out to replace the drain pipe, John Chipp informed Wise that the initial lake draw down to take place in the coming weeks, T dock and swim ropes will be removed when this process starts, Charles Ikenberry sent a plan for armoring the shoreline of the dam as an alternative to riprap.

FEMA Update: Wise states that insurance has been reimbursed from the DERCHO, we are waiting to hear from the engineer with insurance on the new slab for a new shop.

Oxbow Bottoms: Mayne stated that he has spoke to the daughter of Bob McCoy and sent a new and final easement to be signed.

Tree Damage at the Ike's Shooting Facility: Wise stated that tree service will come into Ike's shooting range to clear the trees off of the fence around the property.

New Business

Basement Exhibit Fish Tank: Kelly proposed the purchase of a new 720-gallon aquarium for the aquaponics system in the nature center basement. Wrage raises concern on funding for the tank. The decision was made to find outside funding sources.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Wrage, seconded by Wacha to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Board Chair
Tama County Conservation Board