

August 2021

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4th, 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, Petersen.

Public present: Delania Halter

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Bills

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

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: No public comment.

Maintenance Report: Wise's report included; Painting playground equipment, t dock pulled, drinking fountain fixed, no hunting signs posted, clear east fence line at oxbow, moved shop water heater, and tree clearing on the north, east, and south east fence line has been completed. Fencing is to be put in.

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 10 public events in the month of July.

Meetings Attended: Mayne's report included; Middle cedar on July 8th, McCoy family meeting for Oxbow Bottoms easement, Otter Creek LRP meeting on July 14th, Tama county soil on July 22nd, district meeting as a staff in boone, hazard mitigation meeting on July 27th.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne stated we were Awarded 208,000 for LRP from DNR. Wise informed the board that the initial drop for the lake was pushed to August 9th which they will not meet. BMP 5 has been drained and drop structure removed with a new drop structure set in place. BMP 6 control structure removed. Dam had been cut into to set a control structure on the back side of the dam. Notified by the DNR that they got permission to take fish habitat money and send it directly to contractor.

Oxbow Bottoms: Mayne states that the cows have been permanently removed from the land. Mayne met with the McCoy family, came to the consensus that downed trees were the reason as to why the cows were getting onto Oxbow Bottoms. The fencing has been fixed and the McCoy family is fixing their side of the fence as well as the fencing for the easement.

New Business

Selling of Items from Boat House and Hog House: Mayne stated that an air conditioning unit, two water heaters, a furnace, a snowblower, a honey wagon, an external entry door, and a flatbed trailer are for sale with the board's approval. Adolfs motioned to approve, Keenan seconded, moved, aye, motioned approved.

Fall Festival and Fun Night: Mayne approached Delania with helping with planning and advertising for the Fall Festival and Fun Night. Mayne proposed October 9th, 2021 for the date of Fun Night and October 10th for Fall Festival.

Annual Report: Mayne informs the board that the annual report is in progress.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Adolfs, seconded by Wacha to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Board Chair
Tama County Conservation Board