

September 2021

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Atchinson.

Board Members present: Atchison, Keenan, Wacha, and Wrage.

Staff Members present: Mayne, Kelly.

Public present: Delania Halter

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Bills

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

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: No public comment.

Maintenance Report: Wise's report included; the campgrounds have been prepped for the holiday weekend, trails at Columbia have been mowed, no hunting signs/keep out signs have been posted in the parcels, trash collected from boat ramps, vehicle maintenance, OSHA approved cabinets installed, initial lake draw down of 3 feet has been done so the boat ramp, dump station, fish station, and dock have all been closed, dam has been notched on the back side, the diffuser has been poured and back side outlet pipe is in place, FEMA phone meeting discussed FEMA covering the cost of the boat ramp dock and the final approval stage before it goes to Iowa DHS has been completed, hog house has been torn down, concrete has been left for fish habitat, and there needs to be a 30'x40' 6 inch deep concrete slab poured for the new building. Our seasonal Dalton Peterson has completed his internship with us.

Environmental Education Report: Kelly's report included; field trip schedules & planning, public program advertising and preparation, classroom programming 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 3 public events in the month of August. Kelly also stated that fliers for the annual Fun Night and Fall Festival have been handed out in Dysart and Traer. Kelly informed the board that he has applied for the Theisen's Community Foundations grant for the mural in the basement and is in the process of finishing the Easton Foundations grant for archery supplies.

Meetings Attended: Mayne's report included; Lake restoration meeting August 6th, quarterly meeting August 9th, second lake restoration August 19th, ISAC conference August 25th-27th.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne states that progress is moving along with the new drop structure and pipe being set into place. Mayne also states that once the soil samples come back in good standings, they will proceed with the rest of the lake draining in the coming weeks.

New Boat House Update: Mayne updates: Hog house has been torn down and removed, a concrete slab will need to be poured and building bids will need to be obtained to construct the new boat house.

Items Sold from Boat House and Hog House Report: TCCB has sold the flatbed trailer, Clay Honey Wagon, and water tank trailer on August 6th, the 32" exterior door, and the Ranch King Snowblower on August 13th.

Fall Festival and Fun Night Fundraiser Update: Kelly informs the board that fundraising items have been asked for and collected over the last month. New vendors and previous vendors, Mayne says that each board member has 20 Fun Night tickets. Halter has been reaching out for donations and live music. Kelly explains that the fall festival will expand into the campground this year with some larger static displays.

New Business

Fun Night Fundraiser – Gun Raffle Sale Approval: Mayne states that Jax Outdoors is willing to sell us a 350 Legend rifle at a discounted price for the gun raffle. We have the capability to sell tickets in person, over the phone, and via credit card. Wacha motions to purchase the gun with the proceeds from the equipment sales with the notion to sell tickets at 1 for \$10 and 6 for \$50, Keenan seconds the motion, motion passed to purchasing the firearm.

Floor Discussion

Mayne states that the we will be doing a gratitude drawing with the Fun Night tickets for the chance to win 14-day free camping or a free Nature Center rental.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Keenan, seconded by Wrage to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Board Chair
Tama County Conservation Board