

October 2021

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 6th, 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, Adolphs, and Wrage.

Staff Members present: Mayne, Wise, Kelly, Horne.

Public present: Delania Halter

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the September 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. Wrage states he would like to be on record opposing the purchase of the rifle. It was moved by Wacha with the amendment mentioned by Wrage, seconded by Adolphs to approve the minutes as recorded, carried, all voting aye.

Approval of Bills

Bills were presented to be paid from the month of September 2021. Mayne states there are two bills not in the current bills due to missing invoices. Wise states that the money from the equipment sold from the hog house/boat house to be put back into the equipment fund. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded by Wrage to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: N/A

Maintenance Report: Horne's report included; the lake has been drained, base for BMP 5 & 6 has been poured, the dam tube structure has been poured, replaced the fuel tank straps on the plow truck, welded box mounts, built log stands and tomahawk tripods for Fall Festival, completed silica and EAP training, closed East campgrounds, picked up the new gang plank for the new floating dock, and mowed fire breaks.

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 4 public programs including 2 field trips with South Tama Elementary 2nd Grade. Kelly states that we are waiting to hear back on the Thiesen's Community Foundations Grant and the Easton Foundations Grant. Moving forward, we will be applying for REAP environmental education grants.

Meetings Attended: Mayne's report included; Otter creek progress meeting sept 15, safety training meeting sept 29th, coming up meeting at the engineering building.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne states that he has a meeting scheduled for next week to get an easement signed to allow water to back up on neighbor's property. Once the easement is signed, bidding for phase 3 can begin. An email from FYRA has come through with the plan for re-armoring the shoreline of the lake. Wise adds that the contractors have installed the new drop structure pipe as well as finished the seedings on BMP 2, 5, and 6. Mayne adds that the new gang plank has been aquired as well as the new floating dock has been paid for in full by insurance. The floating dock will be delivered by

the manufacturer once the lake restoration project is finished. Mayne mentions that there is a grant to extend the boat ramp through the DNR.

New Boat House Update: Mayne states that Wise has received an estimate for the concrete for the Hog house. Once the bids are received, we hope to pour concrete before winter.

Items Sold from Boat House & Hog House Report: Mayne states that since September, we have sold off the 40-gallon water heater. The remaining items will be offered to other county entities, if unneeded, they will go on to public auction.

Fall Festival & Fun Night Fundraiser Update: Halter states that she is in contact with a few last-minute donations as well as we have received numerous donations for the Fun Night Fundraiser. Kelly states that we have the Blank Park Zoo and Bruce Rhoades giving programs at Fall Festival as well as North and South Tama High School's art departments are coming out to provide face painting. Kelly also mentions that we are expanding Fall Festival into North and South Loop campgrounds. Mayne informs the board that the carnival games is on hold and we are waiting on a response through insurance on the coverage of liability insurance. Halter suggests to have bottled water for volunteers. Wacha states that Manatts will donate the bottled water.

New Business

Moving the Next Board Meeting to November 10th for the Approval of Phase 3 with the Lake

Restoration Project: Mayne states that the DNR needs to take the phase 3 bids to their commission which meets on the first Wednesday of November. Mayne suggests the November board meeting be moved to the 10th of November. Adolphs makes a motion to move the meeting, Wrage seconds, all in favor, aye. The motion carries.

Adding Dustin Horne to Bank Account & 2nd Holder of TCCB Credit Cards: Mayne states that Wise has submitted his resignation and suggests that we add Horne to the accounts and have as the second card holder for the Conservation Staff. Wacha motions to approve, Adolphs seconds, all in favor, aye. The motion carries.

Floor Discussion

Mayne states that Wise sent out a request for bids on a 3-point hitch auger. Wise received three bids back from Goos Implement, Lowry's Equipment, E and M. Wise recommends going with the 9-inch auger from Goos Implement. Wrage motions to purchase the auger through Goos Implement, Wacha seconds the motion, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Wise informs the board on the sale of the John Deere snowblower. Mayne reports that the John Deere snowblower had been sold to Kelly with the donation of a King Ranch snowblower. The county has sold the King Ranch snowblower for \$150. The county has come back and stated that this was against county policy. The John Deere snowblower has been returned and will be put up for public auction.

Wrage questions what will happen in Wise's absence with the Maintenance Supervisor position. Atchison adds that we cannot afford to lose another position. Wrage states that we need to look at our future vision for the Conservation Board.

Wrage adds that he received an email from the DNR about the upcoming regional REAP meeting. He encourages the attendance of the Conservation staff at the REAP meeting.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Adolphs, seconded by Wacha to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Board Chair
Tama County Conservation Board