

## January 2022

### Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:27 pm by Chair, Wacha.

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

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

**Public present:** N/A

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

### Approval of Bills

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

Wrage questions the cost of the liquid propane. Farm Service treated the diesel tank for the winter. Mayne will correct the fuel bill and the liquid propane bill.

### Reports & Updates

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Maintenance Report:** Horne's report included; replacing the auger on the plow truck, applied ice chains to the tires of the plow truck and road maintainer, cleaned up boat ramps, fixed the shower on the women's side bathroom of the Nature Center, the boat house and fuel shed have been torn down and removed, closed the gate to T.F. Clarks Park, removed the Otter Creek Lake and Park boat dock, continuation of the OSHA list updates, checked all parks for storm damage, serviced park equipment, and moved picnic tables out of north and south loop for Phase 3 of the lake restoration project.

**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 events in the month of December including a new preschool. Kelly also mentioned that he met with Terri Hungerford from Iowa Valley Community College and Jenny Hulme from Tama County 4H Extensions and Outreach to plan for upcoming programs and camps. Kelly also helped with OSHA updates and maintenance.

**Meetings Attended:** Mayne's report included; Lake permitting meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, IT meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mayne reports that we received first place in the fish habitat grant receiving over \$50,000. January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 pm will be the Ike's Tract Shooting Range Membership course.

### Old Business

**Lake Restoration Update:** Phase 3 meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Rachel Contracting will begin work the second week of January with a projected duration of 6 months. The easement for BMP 15 has been denied by the land owner. FYRA Engineering will begin reconfiguring the depth for BMP 15.

### **New Business**

**Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Credits:** Mayne reports that we received the information from FYRA that we are required to do either wetland mitigation or purchase wetland credits. Being this far into the project, the best option is to purchase wetland credits for \$58,918.42. Tama County Conservation is to front the money for the wetland credits with full reimbursement from the Iowa DNR. Keenan motions to approve the purchase of the wetland credits, Wrage seconds, all in favor, aye.

### **Adjourn**

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Atchison, seconded by Wrage to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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**Board Chair**

**Tama County Conservation Board**