

## **August 2022**

### **Call to Order**

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair, Wacha.

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

**Staff Members present:** Horne, Conrad, Boedeker, and Mayne.

**Public present:** Ruby Boedeker

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the August 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Adolphs, 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 August 2022. It was moved by Keenan, seconded by Adolphs to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

### **Reports & Updates**

**Public Comment:** Public did not comment.

**Maintenance Report:** Horne's report included; mowing the new trail at Reining Wildlife Refuge, picked up trash at boat ramps, removed artificial fish structures from the lake, mowed thistles at Heritage Wetlands, mowed trails at Columbia Wildlife Area, built pad for Boat House. His report also included; built and installed the new Adirondack chairs at T.F. Clark's Park, installed a new gate at the Ike's Shooting Range, put on new tires on the trailer, finished trim on far large shelter roof, sprayed Wolf Creek Trail, and extended and buried gutter tiles next to the Nature Center.

**Environmental Education Report:** Bodeker provided the report that included 11 programs throughout the past month. One of the largest programs was at Union Grove State Park and had 70 youth each day with a total number of 300 participants.

**Meetings Attended:** Mayne's report included attending a County IT Meeting, met with Mark V with Poweshiek County Conservation, attended the County's Department Head Meeting, and completed the American Relief Fund application for Public Wifi inside Otter Creek Campgrounds.

### **Old Business**

**Lake Restoration Project:** Mayne told the board that he was waiting the final payment on the permit to be sent to him and would pay that out as soon as it came into the office. Mayne mentioned the contractor with Rachel Construction had called him to ask what the current condition the lake looks like. He also mentioned they are finishing up with a project near by and will mobilize to the Park once they have completed the other project.

**New Employee Hiring Update:** Mayne updated the board and said that interviews will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Nature Center and invited any available Board Members to attend.

**Oxbow Bottom Strategic Plan:** Mayne mentioned that he spoke with Marshall County Conservation's Director about funds he has utilized through the State of Iowa and will be looking into applying for those funds once they come available.

**New Building Update:** Horne mentioned that the new building is currently being built and should be completed in the next 2 weeks. He mentioned that the concrete wont be poured until summer of 2023 to allow the soil to settle.

### **New Business**

**New Vehicle:** Mayne mentioned that we need rotating our vehicles out and will need to purchase a new vehicle for the Naturalist. Mayne mentioned that we also need to look at selling the plow truck in the process since we have invested more money than initially thought when purchased in 2018. Mayne mentioned that we would keep the Ford F-250 and convert that truck into our new plow truck. We would need to collect quotes for a new salt/sand spreader, front end plow, and an auger power for the high drifts to be fitted on the Kabota tractor. Mayne said he would get the quotes for the new vehicle by the next meeting and Horne would collect the quotes for the spreader, plow, and auger plow.

Wacha called to vote on selling the current plow truck. Adolphs moved to sell the plow truck, seconded by Keenan the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**Moving October's Board Meeting:** Mayne asked the Board to move the October's meeting date to be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayne mentioned that he plans to take Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> off due to his wedding. Keenan made the motion to move the October Board Meeting to be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>, Adolphs seconded his motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**Early Park Closure:** Mayne mentioned that Conrad had asked to close the Park to camping following the Labor Day weekend. This is primarily due to not having any campers in the Park on the weekends. Wacha mentioned that we don't need to vote on this subject and may close it at our own discretion assuming there are no campers past the Labor Day weekend.

### **Floor Discussion**

**Floor Discussion:** There was no floor discussion.

### **Adjourn**

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Adolphs, seconded by Keenan to adjourn the meeting at 7:21p.m.

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**Board Chair**  
**Tama County Conservation Board**