

February 2023

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Chair, Wrage.

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

Staff Members present: Mayne, Horne, Bruck.

Public present: Delania Halter

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the January 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded by Wacha, to approve the minutes as recorded, carried, all voting aye.

Approval of Bills

Bills were presented to be paid from the month of January 2023. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded by Wacha to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: N/A

Environmental Education Report: Bruck's report included updates on public program preparation, classroom program planning, summer day camp planning and live animal care. Her report also included updates on programs performed this month with preschools, schools, and adult centers. She informed the board that she held another Knee-High Naturalist program at the Toledo Public Library on the first Saturday of January and next Knee-High program is on Saturday February 4th. Bruck also reports that she is in the planning process for youth camps this summer with Tama County Extension and Iowa Valley Community College; Critter Camp, Fishing Camp, Kids in the College, and Outdoor Adventure. Bruck partnered with Horne of the Trees for Kids grant. She also attended WinterFest this month.

Maintenance Report: Horne reported that he moved snow from OCLAP, Ike's, and T.F. Clarks. He fixed the emergency brake on F-250, the heater in John Deere, and back stop at IKEA's. Picked up Kubota blower that was taken down for overheating issues. Installed diaper changing stations and placed CID order for startup for spring. Horne also attended WinterFest, Rt-130 refresher course, and 1st county safety team meeting. He also worked on Trees for Kids grant with Bruck.

Director's Report: Mayne's report included that he attended two financial budget meeting with the board of supervisors, and the new board member appointment. He also attended WinterFest and District 1 meeting. Lastly, he informed the board that the F-150 has a bad valve which is currently getting repaired and the eagle scout display cases are almost done.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne reported that Rachel Contracting is back in the park and working on silt pond on west side of the park. The DNR was also in the park and treated the lake and silt ponds with Rotenone to kill off the any carp.

Commented [DB1]: Kill the what?

New Business

Fun Night Fundraiser: Mayne informed the board that Fun Night Fundraiser planning has started. The Fun Night Fundraiser will be held April 1, 2023. He will soon be receiving a quote for a gun for the auction. Following Mayne's update on Fun night there was open discussion about potential auction items and food.

Floor Discussion

Floor Discussion: No Floor Discussion.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Adolph, seconded by Wacha to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Board Chair

Tama County Conservation Board