

Meeting Minutes December 3rd, 2025

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by Chair Wacha

Board Present:

Wacha, Kenkel, Behrens (Zoom), Dunning (Zoom)

Staff Present:

Behrens, Horne, Tague, Eli

Public Comment: None

Discussion:

Shared Use of Ike's Shooting Range – Police

Police from local jurisdictions that utilize the Ike's Shooting Range were present per invite by the Board requested at the October 2025 Conservation Board meeting. Dan Quigley from Toledo Police, Erick Dickinson, Joe Bina, and Jake Kessler and for Tama Police were present to make statements in response to accusations levied by Board member Jim Allen. The present board members and police members discussed continued use and relationship with the local police departments.

Director Behrens briefed the group on his shared use policy for the police departments; being that each department buys one Membership pass and access code/card to use for all staff, and that any large group uses be communicated with as much notice as possible to notify other users with a sign at the shooting range. Police and staff have not been allowed to reserve the entire site for the day and have exclusive use over, they have been required to share the space with other public.

The Board and Police agreed that Police departments and their staff users will to continue to communicate with the Director regarding any future small uses, such as an hour or less to qualify a single officer, for example.

The present officers expressed an ongoing positive relationship with the Director and Conservation staff and were still interested and happy to work with Conservation in the future.

Information Items:

Maintenance Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Horne provided his maintenance report for the month of November.

Naturalist Report:

Director Behrens provided the Naturalist report for education and outreach for the month of November.

Ranger Report:

Ranger Eli provided his Ranger/Tech report for the month of November.

Director Report:

Director Behrens provided his report for the month of November.

Action Items:

Motion by Kenkel to allow Tama County local law enforcement agencies to reserve exclusive access for a day, upon request and approval with the Conservation Director, one day per month. Seconded by Behrens. All voting in favor. Motion passes.

The group also discussed proposed budget for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year and went over the mid current year financial standings and upcoming anticipated projects and expenditures. No motions were made.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kenkel to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Behrens. All voting aye. Approved.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Kenkel. Seconded by member Behrens. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.