

## June 2022

### Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Chair, Wacha.

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

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

**Public present:** Conrad Family

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the May 2022 regular meeting and the emergency meeting minutes 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 May 2022. 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; Opened Otter Creek Lake and Park, including the shower house, for camping, burned Parcel C, rebuilt the back stop for the short range at Ike's Tract, fixed the target holders for the archery range at Ike's Tract, sprayed Wolf Creek Trail, mowed the trails at Columbia Wildlife Area, placed rock at the Manatts' boat ramp, helped with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field day, received the materials (excluding the metal) for the new boat house, removed playground equipment, bought a new battery for the 01 Dodge, serviced the Kubota front deck mowers, and started the re-roof Big Shelter.

**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 5 public events in the month of May. These events included the Tama County 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day that was hosted by the NRCS Office and held at Union Grove Lake. Kelly's report also included helped remove the playground equipment as well as hired an Assistant Naturalist.

**Meetings Attended:** Mayne's report included; Department head May 10<sup>th</sup>, emergency board meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>, attended the Iowa River Corridor Coalition meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Old Business

**Lake Restoration Project Update:** Mayne stated that the archeological study has been completed and submitted to the Army Corps. of Engineers. George from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources stated that BMP 15 has the highest priority in our district. Mayne informs the board that we will have a 7-day notice before the contractors will be remobilizing equipment. Mayne states that the playground equipment at the beach has been removed to the ability of our equipment.

**New Employee Hiring Update:** Mayne states that we have hired a new assistant Naturalist as well as a temporary seasonal help for the next few weeks.

**Boat House Update:** Mayne informs the board that the supplies for the new boat house have arrived. The contractor will begin construction will begin in the next month.

**John Deere Tractor Update:** Horne provided the board with a new quote for the repairs required for the John Deere 4030 tractor. Wrage questions if the remand engine would come with a warranty. Horne states that it will depend on where the engine comes from. Wacha makes a motion to investigate the warranty as well as approve the bid for a remand engine, Wrage seconds the motion, all in favor, aye. The motion carries.

### **New Business**

**Possible New Board Meeting Date:** Mayne informs the board that we get charged interest on our bills when our accounts are not paid on time. Mayne poses the question on being allowed to pay our accounts a week early to prevent getting charged interest. Wrage questions if we can contact the accounts payable to change our payment dates of each account. Mayne suggest moving the meeting to the third Wednesday of every month instead of the first Wednesday of every month to approve bills on time. Wacha motions to move our monthly board meetings to the third Wednesday of every month beginning on July 6th with a second meeting in July 20th to get the meetings on track, Adolphs seconds, all in favor, aye. The motion carries.

**Ordinance for Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Vehicles inside County Parks:** Mayne updates the board with the new ATV ordinance in Tama County that was passed by the Board of Supervisors. The board is in agreeance to keep our ATV rules the same. No All-Terrain Vehicles are allowed within Tama County Parks.

### **Floor Discussion**

#### **Adjourn**

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Wacha, seconded by Keenan to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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