

October 2022

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm by Chair, Wacha.

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

Staff Members present: Mayne, Horne, Conrad, Bruck.

Public present: Ruby Boedecker

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the September 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Keenan, seconded by Adolphs to approve the minutes as recorded, carried, all voting aye.

Approval of Bills

Bills were presented to be paid from the month of September 2022. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded by Keenan to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

Reports & Updates

Public Comment: N/A

Maintenance Report: Horne's reported that campground picnic tables, benches, and fire rings were removed for lake restoration. They removed all caution tape, signs, and snow fence, also winterized all bathrooms and started the furnaces in well house. Rock was put down on wolf creek trail and the shower house was painted shower stalls and floor.

Conrad's report that he went to CCPOA and did firearms training, AT/UTV law update first aid, implicit bias and de-escalation, new member orientation and hazmat training

Environmental Education Report: Bruck's report included field trip schedules and planning, public program preparation, classroom programming 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.

Meetings Attended: Mayne's report included attending insurance meeting, Highway construction meeting, meeting with county IT for internet fiber in the park and meeting with Rachel construction. In addition, discussed set up a meeting for board refresher with Tom Hazelton and new individual taking over Tom's position after retirement.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne informs the board that Rachel construction is on the park and working. Rachel construction has been mowing the lakebed, will be bringing in more equipment on Monday and the last payment was made to the DNR.

Oxbow Bottom's Parking Lot: Horne informs the board that Oxbow Bottoms parking lot is done and now open to the public. All that is still needed is rock in the parking lot which will happen soon.

New Business

Culvert Tube at OCLAP: Mayne informed the board that the original culvert tube needs to be replaced to prevent the road from being washed out or collapsing. Mayne received a quote from DENCO for a Snap-title HDPE pipe linear that was estimated to be \$24,412.50. The board decided to table the decision until other options are explored first.

Retaining Wall Behind New Building: Horne's informed the board that the new building needs a retaining wall behind the building. Horne got a quote for the concrete blocks needed at \$2,491 plus renting equipment. The board decided to table the decision until other options are explored first, which included possibly leveling the hill.

Floor Discussion

Floor Discussion: There was no floor discussion.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Atchison, seconded by Keenan to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Board Chair
Tama County Conservation Board