

December 2022

Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Chair, Wacha.

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

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

Public present:

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the November 2022 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 November 2022. It was moved by Keenan, seconded by Adolphs 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. In addition, Bruck held the new monthly public program for preschoolers at the Toledo Public Library called "Knee High Naturalists" and had 6 children attend. Bruck also attended the Project Aware Planning Meeting and went on a ride along with DNR Conservation Officer Brett Reece to learn about hunting laws and connect with the Tama County community.

Maintenance Report: Horne reported that he continued clean-up of the west-side derecho pile, helped with fiber splicing at the shop and Nature Center. His report also included meeting with REC about removing the old transformer box, moved side arm on the east side of Otter Creek Lake and Park and closed Ike's porta potty for the winter. Horne also took the 2020 ford in for recall fuse panel and wiper arms and wiper motor, serviced the kabuto and trailer and lastly replaced the battery in 2001 Dodge.

Park Ranger Report: Conrad reported that he performed a ride along with DNR Conservation Officer Brett Reece and got all uniform and gear for law enforcement academy.

Director's Report: Mayne's report included that he attended the department head meeting which discussed Otter Creek Lake and Park as an emergency backup location for the county activities and offices.

Old Business

Lake Restoration Project Update: Mayne informed the board that Rachel Construction has pause work and will resume when ground freezes. They return in the spring to finish up the lake restoration project.

New Business

New Business: There was no new discussion.

Floor Discussion

Floor Discussion: Board member, Atchison raised concern about local law enforcement using Ike's shooting range. Mayne said that he will address the concerns regarding Ike's shooting range.

Adjourn

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Keenan, seconded by Adolph to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Board Chair**Tama County Conservation Board**