

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, in the library, Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Park.

Chairman Wrage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were: Adolphs, Anderson, Benda, Keenan, and Wrage. Also present: Etzel and Wise.

Minutes from the regular session of May 5, 2010, were read. It was moved by Anderson, seconded Keenan to accept the minutes as presented, carried. (All voting aye)

Minutes from the special teleconference session of May18, 2010, were read. It was moved by Keenan, seconded Anderson to accept the minutes as presented, carried. (All voting aye)

The following bills were presented:

<b>TO BE PAID FROM GEN'L FUND</b>			
		<b>Amount of Bill</b>	<b>Category Total</b>
<b>0001-22-6100-000-26000 Office Supplies</b>			
Staples	#C300739001 pens, toner, binders	192.42	
	#C689351001 tiner, pastel paper	<u>111.96</u>	
		304.38	304.38
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41200 Postage</b>			
Etzel, Robert	As per five (5) receipts	7.80	7.80
<b>0001-22-6100-000-41400 Telephone</b>			
Iowa Telecom	17May10, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (pay phone)	126.35	
	17May10, 484-5314 (shop)	61.41	
	17Jun10, 484-2231 (office), 484-4157 (pay phone)	126.35	
	17Jun10, 484-5314 (shop)	62.85	
Verizon	16May10, 484-5314 (shop)	10.93	
	19May10, 484-4157 (payphone)	12.07	
	16May10, 484-2231 (office)	<u>20.51</u>	
		420.47	420.47
<b>0001-6110-101-22-223 Salary-Main Supv/Ranger</b>			
Wise, Craig	14-May-10	1,524.00	
	28-May-10	<u>1,524.00</u>	
		3,048.00	3,048.00
<b>0001-6110-101-22-226 Salary-Conserv Tech</b>			
Dolash, Ron	14-May-10	1,401.60	
	28-May-10	<u>1,401.60</u>	
		2,803.20	2,803.20
<b>0001-6110-101-22-224 Salary-Seasonal</b>			

Bergmann, Sandy	14-May-10	221.38	
	28-May-10	458.57	
Gettle, Clayton	14-May-10	112.75	
	28-May-10	433.08	
Brown, Rick	14-May-10	680.00	
	28-May-10	<u>680.00</u>	
		2,585.78	2,585.78
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25050 Fuels</b>			
New Century FS, Inc.	26Apr10 #350447 100 gals unleaded gasohol @ \$2.455/gal	245.50	
	SMFT @ \$0.21 per gal	21.00	
	FET (Lust)	0.10	
	HAZMAT handling fee	<u>0.90</u>	
	31Mar10 #350284 228.4 gals unleaded gasohol @ \$2.3055/gal	526.58	
	FET (Lust)	0.23	
	SMFT @ \$0/19/gal	43.40	
	112 gals DX Gold Dyed 15 PPM @ \$2.4939/gal	279.32	
	HAZMAT handling fee	3.06	
	FET (Lust)	<u>0.11</u>	
		1,120.20	1,120.20
<b>0001-22-6110-000-25450 Mt Veh-Minor Repair</b>			
Carquest of Toledo	#20681 screw jack- boat trailer	37.98	
Central Iowa Farm Store	#88077 element;#88359 blades (9);#89478	409.89	
Monte Motor Parts	#435379 bracket (6), freight,#440111 key way, pulley side	<u>159.57</u>	
		607.44	607.44
<b>0001-22-6110-000-29252 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Dolezal Farm Supply	#003514 catfish food,#0033308 fish floater;#0033037 fish food	300.00	
Electric Supply of Marshalltown	#1074829 Superior Fixture;#1075689 1-RABWPTGSN70	142.15	
Fareway	coffee, oven cleaner	9.98	
Grainger	#801293671 lamps, batteries, cable ties;#9256845422 Credit Memo	179.58	
Jerico Services	#0058119-IN 850 gals CaCl @ \$0.87/gal	739.50	
Konold Creations	#8676 61 digital images to 35 mm slides	170.45	
Kroymann, Robert	As per ROW agreement to TFCP Addition (15Jun10-14Jun11)	30.00	
Menard's	#38426 paint, door bottom, closed cell foam, paint tray liner	56.21	

Norton's Greenhouse	#297296 assorted plants, potting soil, pots (2), plant food, #297185	158.49	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Water, TFCP for May Prev: 4,000, Current: 4,000	35.00	
Schade Lime & Rock Inc.	1May10 408.81T rd stone trucked/spread at OCP	2,759.47	
Scharnweber Water Conditioning	5May10 2" OVC union, 40# salt, filters (2)	38.50	
Thomas Co Inc.	#50505 install valve at showerhouse	120.85	
Walsh Door & Hardware Co.	#180727 repair door- NC	1,798.50	
Zeager Hardwood	#71470 100 CY woodcarpet (playground safety surfacing)	2,450.00	
		8,988.68	8,988.68
<b>0001-22-6110-000-43100 Electricity</b>			
Grundy Co REC	OCP thru 3May10, 4,566 kwh- meter #1, 2,154 kwh- NC	644.98	
	OCP thru 1Jun10, 11,247 kwh- meter #1, 2,013 kwh- NC	1,220.96	
		1,865.94	1,865.94
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, Gen'l Budget</b>		<b>\$21,751.89</b>
<b>FROM NATURE CENTER TRUST</b>			
<b>0031-22-6120-000-29272 Main &amp; Supplies</b>			
Cooley Pumping	#5932 2- porta potties 16Apr-13May10 period	140.00	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, Nature Center Trust</b>		<b>\$ 140.00</b>
<b>From LAD Account</b>			
<b>0027-22-0210-000-60000 Capital Projects</b>			
Pheasant's Forever Inc.	For Hansen- Parcel D- Savanna Planting	2,975.00	
Poweshiek Water Assoc.	Payment- Poweshiek Water into OCP Project	40,994.76	
	<b>Total Bills Submitted, LAD Account</b>		<b>\$ 43,969.76</b>
	<b>Total All Bills Submitted</b>		<b>\$65,861.65</b>

Moved by Benda, seconded Keenan to approve bills, carried. (All voting aye).

**Reports and Correspondence. Donations** Tama County Pheasants Forever donated a \$300 voucher to be used to buy a custom prairie mix for planting in Parcel D- Hansen Addition this spring./ **Watershed Quality Assessment Grant** Water samples continue to be taken in the lake and the creek north of the lake for this grant project./ **Staff Report** Wise presented information on work started or completed in May including opening of showerhouse, receipt of 3,800 catfish fingerlings for cage rearing, placement of beach ropes, cleaning grates on all silt ponds, removal of dead trees, plant 12.5 acres to prairie in Parcel D- Hansen Addition, clean all boat ramps, mow Columbia Wildlife Area, as well as all park maintenance required for the Memorial Day weekend./ **Youth Fishing Seminar** The annual youth fishing seminar will be held on Wednesday, June 23. The event is a fun and educational day for youth aged 10- 13 years./ **Memorial Day Weekend** Otter Creek Lake and Park was very busy over the Memorial Day weekend with nearly 50 RV campers and over 20 tents present. Fishing, boating, swimming and picnicking was also very popular through

the beautiful weekend./**Poweshiek Water Project** The project to connect the water distribution systems of Otter Creek Park to Poweshiek Water continues. It is anticipated that construction is slated to begin the week of June 7 and it is hoped that PWA will be available to park users by July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

**Pond Project- Parcel A- Hansen Addition** Etzel met today with Al Frolich, US Army Corps of Engineers, regarding a permit being sought for this project. Before a project permit may be granted the Army Corps must evaluate wetland impacts the project will have. Depending upon how the project permit application is tracked may result in another 90-120 days before permission is given. Etzel is hopeful that a shorter time line may be possible.

**Notice of Use Restriction** A Notice of Use Restriction presented to the Board by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources was reviewed. The document, sent relative to the Resource Enhancement and Protection grant received to acquire Parcels C & D- Hansen Addition, outlined restrictions on the use of the property in the future. It also addressed a process for dispensing of the property if that would ever become necessary. After discussion it was moved by Adolphs, seconded Wrage that the terms of the Notice of Use Restriction are acceptable and shall be approved, carried, (All voting aye)

**Great Places Grant Application** The Board discussed application for a grant through the Great Places program. Etzel recommended a smaller grant asking financial assistance to help establish native vegetation on the Hansen Addition properties. The Board agreed with this opinion and gave Etzel approval to proceed with the grant application.

**Hansen Addition Project** The Board discussed several aspects of the project including the following:

- Wetland Development The Board was in agreement that plans should be drafted to allow the wetlands to be developed as funds become available. The Board is hopeful that NRCS staff will assist in the drafting of plans for these new wetlands.
- Native Vegetation efforts shall continue and grants be sought to off-set a part of the cost of improvements.
- Cleaning of Parcel A- a high priority is to complete cleanup efforts in Parcel A this summer.

**Youth Corps** The board discussed the need to seek assistance to work on projects that can not be adequately addressed by current staff due to not enough man hours available. Most notable is Autumn Olive eradication in the park. Etzel asked permission to contract with a youth corps group out of Ames that specializes in natural resource projects. After discussion it was moved by Anderson, seconded Adolphs to seek outside staff to address the Autumn Olive problem not to exceed \$3,000, carried. (All voting aye)

**Vendors** Recently two different persons had approached Etzel regarding selling products in the park to park users (firewood, ice cream). The policy regarding vendors in the past required the vendor to present a proposal to the Conservation Board for their approval. Typically the vendor had to outline their business proposal and agree to restrictions required by the Board. Also, a portion of their gross revenues had to be returned to the Board. Board members discussed pros and cons of private vendors in the park. No decision was made but all agreed the vendor should be required to make a written proposal to the Board for consideration.

After discussion of assorted conservation topics it was moved by Benda, seconded Adolphs to adjourn, carried, Adjourned 8:45 p.m..

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