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approved by the County's insurance, so it was essentially ready for implementation. Courting high school volunteers would be a focus of the new naturalist, both Director Behrens and Tague indicated at various points during the meeting.

Finally, a motion to update Conservation's rules and regulations was approved. The rules were last updated in 2020. Updates included adding language about ATV/UTV use in the parks and woodcutting.

Staff reports

As part of the naturalist's report, Tague provid-

ed details on work she has been doing to clean and organize the nature center's basement. She said she had conducted a "detailed inventory of everything" and was now moving on to purging some items and reconditioning equipment.

"[I'm] figuring out the educational side of what we have to work with," she explained.

She also has been working on permitting, telling the board she had been inventorying "every deer mount, every fish, every antler, etc."

As she works to determine the direction of programming, Tague said she made contact over the last month with a plethora of individuals and entities across the state including

Conservation departments in Madison, Polk, Black Hawk, and Story counties. She also enrolled in the Master Conservationist Program offered through ISU Extension and Outreach in Polk County.

Tague also addressed the new volunteer program, telling board members that implementing a "robust volunteer program" would allow her to "expand programming."

"Getting that started is really important to the big picture," she said.

Since the April meeting, Tague said she had met with Gladbrook-Reinbeck teachers in regards to fourth-grade 'School of the Wild' programming. She also completed a program with North Tama

ninth graders, helped with Tama County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual 5th Grade Outdoor Classroom at Otter Creek Lake and Park, and gave an Earth Day presentation at Emerson.

During his report, Director Behrens further delved into Tague's vision for the nature center basement, telling the board that ultimately he would like to treat the upstairs and the downstairs as two different buildings - an event hall (upstairs) and an educational center (downstairs).

In a follow-up email to the newspaper, Director Behrens said the upstairs Diorama Room "will almost always be open for guests, even once that formal split of uses takes place

someday down the road."

Currently, public hours for the nature center are "by appointment only." Director Behrens also explained that decision in his email, writing, "Being we have so few staff and so many projects going on, we can't always guarantee someone is stationed at the Nature Center during our usual operating hours. My Naturalist will often be doing programs elsewhere than the nature center (our other parks, schools, around the Lake) and I am often either in meetings with other organizations/contractors or helping with field work, especially now that we only have one full time employee (Dustin) taking care of most of our 1,000 acres."

Even after the possible formal split, the nature center "as a whole will likely remain open to the public," he added. "[S]o even though the top floor may formally become 'Event Hall' or some variation, park visitors will always be able to drop by to see either level, including the diorama, wall art, library, etc. [unless] there is a reservation of the space."

During an update on staffing, Director Behrens said two seasonals had been hired: Arlo Cibula, whose hire date is listed by the Auditor's Office as April 21, 2025, and Braxton Rohrs, who will begin May 20. Both worked for Conservation last season.

Legals
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS

The Grundy County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session in the Supervisors' room at the Grundy County Courthouse on May 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Nederhoff called the meeting to order with the following members present: Vandehaar, Pabst, Kopsa, and Schildroth.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Kopsa and seconded by Vandehaar to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried unanimously.

Jeff Skalberg, County Engineer, discussed department matters.

Motion was made by Kopsa and seconded by Schildroth to approve Utility Permit 05-05-2025A - Alliant Energy - Replace Gas Service on 330th St between Church St & Koehler St in Conrad. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vandehaar and seconded by Pabst to approve Utility Permit 05-05-2025B - Alliant Energy - Place New Underground Electric on 330th St T29 East to County Line. Carried unanimously.

Erika Allen, County Attorney, discussed department matters.

Discussion was held about cemeteries and the need for an ordinance to shift the burden to the appropriate township for care and management.

Motion was made by Pabst and seconded by Kopsa to approve payment of the following bills: ACES, maintenance 632.00; Adams, Kali, reimb exp 30.00; Ahlers and Cooney, services 22,850.00; Allen, Erika, reimb exp 30.00; Alliant Energy, service 580.42; Amazon Capital Services, supplies 29.99; Arnold Motor Supply, parts 290.47; Black Hawk County Treasurer, med exam exp 490.00; Blackhawk Sprinklers, maintenance 187.50; Blythe Sanitation, service 115.00;

Brothers Market, supplies 737.57; Calhoun-Burns & Assoc., services 6,111.96; Camarata, Marty, reimb exp 30.00; Campbell Supply, parts 148.32; Cedar Falls Utilities, utilities 53.25; Central Iowa Distributing, supplies 161.00; Century Link, service 68.01; Column Software, publication 297.91; Conrad Auto Supply, parts 56.48; Consolidated Electrical Distributors, service 636.13; GFC Leasing-WI, maintenance 178.06; Gordon Flesch-Milwaukee, copies 182.42; Grundy County Engineer, fuel 6,088.97; Grundy County REC, service 351.33; Hayes Bros., tile crossing 450.00; Holiday Inn Airport Des Moines, mtg exp 1,612.80; Hook, Sara, med exam exp 301.00; Illowa Culvert & Supply, culvert 12,182.40; Intoximeters, supplies 125.00; Iowa Comm. Assurance Pool, dues 3,695.00; Iowa Dept of Public Safety, maintenance 1,380.00; Iowa Dept of Public Safety, maintenance 1,380.00; Iowa Hoist & Crane, annual inspection 990.00; IRUA, service 1,227.63; ISCTA, mtg exp 150.00; Jamar Technologies, freight 12.00; Janssen, Marti, mileage 97.40; Lang, Katie, mileage 60.00; Level Pro Concrete Solutions, services 885.23; Mail Services, postage 568.59; MCI Comm Service, service 37.44; Mid American Energy, utilities 33.22; Mid-America Publishing, publication 69.00; Mid-States Organized, dues 150.00; Northland Products, supplies 148.95; Peterson Contractors, services 318,766.87; Pomp's Tire Service, tires 2,560.52; Powerplan, parts/ service 5,384.14; Precision Lawn Care, services 364.00; Racom, equipment 15,551.96; Rausch Bros. Trucking, services 74,330.27; Sadler Power Train, parts 5,594.72; Schneider Geospatial, maintenance 46,089.00; Schultz, Shane, supplies 500.00; Scurr, Steven, med exam exp 50.00; Silvey, Angela, mileage 157.00; Stedman, LaRae, mileage 280.70; Storey Kenworthy, supplies 144.11; Superior Welding Supply, parts 67.93; Todd's Tools, parts 81.59;

U. S. Cellular, service 181.93; Unifirst, supplies 664.02; Verizon Wireless, service 321.54; Weber, Shawn, reimb exp 30.00; Wellsburg, City of, service 290.96; Wendling Quarries, roadstone 12,408.79; Windstream, service 160.76; Witham Auto Center, parts 65.22; Ziegler, parts 1,146.40. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schildroth and seconded by Vandehaar to adopt Resolution #47-2024/2025, A Resolution Directing Auditor to Collect Healthcare Premiums in a Separate "Health Insurance Trust Fund" Account and Collect FSA/Flex Funds in a Separate Non-Interest Bearing Account until Paid to Respective Entities. Votes on the resolution were as follows: Ayes - Vandehaar, Pabst, Kopsa, Schildroth and Nederhoff. Nays - none. Resolution adopted. This description is a summary of said resolution, the full text of which may be inspected at the Grundy County Auditor's Office, 706 G Avenue, Grundy Center, Iowa, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Pabst and seconded by Kopsa to approve the request for use of courthouse grounds from Pat Greiner. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kopsa and seconded by Vandehaar to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Apres Bar Co, LLC. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Pabst and seconded by Vandehaar to approve the Tobacco License Renewal for TA Express Holland. Carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about the request from ISAC for some information from Grundy County setting some parameters for an upcoming County Tour and Town Hall.

Updates on various board and committee meetings were given.

Motion was made by Kopsa and seconded by Schildroth to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Heidi Nederhoff, Chairperson
Alan T. Tschertner,
County Auditor

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS

The Grundy County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session in the Supervisors' room at the Grundy County Courthouse on May 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Nederhoff called the meeting to order with the following members present: Vandehaar, Pabst, Kopsa, and Schildroth.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Vandehaar and seconded by Kopsa to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried unanimously.

Jeff Skalberg, County Engineer, discussed department matters.

Motion was made by Kopsa and seconded by Pabst to approve IDOT Material Inspection Cost STP-S-CO38(130) - SE-38. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vandehaar and seconded by Schildroth to approve IDOT Material Inspection Cost FM-CO38(131) - 55-38. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schildroth and seconded by Pabst to approve the purchase of a lawn mower for the Secondary Roads department. Carried unanimously.

Kirk Dolleslager, County Sheriff, discussed department matters.

Motion was made by Kopsa and seconded by Vandehaar to raise the credit card limit for the Sheriff from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Carried unanimously.

Butch Kuester, Custodian, discussed department matters.

Motion was made by Vandehaar and seconded by Schildroth to approve the quote from Blacktop Service Company to resurface the Sheriff's Office parking lot. Motion carried 4-1.

Christopher Heerkes was

recognized for 10 years of service with the Sheriff's Office.

Motion was made by Kopsa and seconded by Pabst to approve the Liquor License request by Aimeejo Fike. Carried unanimously.

Updates on various board and committee meetings were given.

Motion was made by Schildroth and seconded by Pabst to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Heidi Nederhoff, Chairperson
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City of Gladbrook
Regular Council
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Scott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with council members W. Nekola, M. Fink, M. Barnes and R. Luehring. Absent: S. Schmidt. Also present: Heather Knebel, Kern Kemp, Quinton Rice, Mark Lowry and Jackie Stephenson. Casey Schmidt arrived at 7:14 p.m. Mayor Scott opened the FY24/25 Budget Amendment Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. There were no written or oral comments received at City Hall and no comments made during the hearing. W. Nekola motioned to close the hearing at 7:04 p.m. R. Luehring 2 nd ; motion passed with 4 aye voice votes. Consent Agenda: Casey Schmidt reviewed the April calls. M. Barnes moved to approve the consent agenda. R. Luehring 2 nd ; motion passed with 4 aye voice votes. Heather Knebel discussed future options for Tama County Economic Development. M. Fink motioned to close Main Street on the block in front of Savage Tavern from Gould to Washington to allow for Savage Tavern's event on May 30, 2025 and to allow the Mayor to approve future events without Council approval. M. Barnes 2 nd ; motion passed with 4 aye voice votes. R. Luehring introduced and moved to approve Res 25-37

approving the FY24/25 Budget Amendment as presented. W. Nekola 2 nd ; motion passed with 4 aye roll call votes. M. Fink introduced and moved to approve Res 25-38, approving Pay Estimate #2 from Shift General Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$5,856.75 for the Gould Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. R. Luehring 2 nd ; motion passed with 4 aye roll call votes. Kern Kemp gave an update on the Gladbrook-Lincoln Ambulance department and presented a quote for a new chassis for one of the ambulance vehicles. The clerk updated the Council on the hiring of a deputy city clerk. At this time the deputy city clerk position will not be filled. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Trudi Scott, Mayor
Attest:

Jackie Stephenson, City Clerk

Claims thru 5/12/25

AGSOURCE LABS	62.00
ALIBRIS, INC.	59.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	6,342.20
BAKER & TAYLOR	561.98
BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD.	
	199.00
BONNIE RAUM-MURTY	20.93
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	61.49
CASEY'S GENERAL	200.01
CHARLES BEARDEN	125.00
CITY OF GRUNDY CTR	
	1,250.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE	62.96
DELUXE ECHOSTAR	100.00
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	
	660.39
FREY MUN. SOFTWARE	
	18,868.60
GLADBROOK AUTO SUPP	
	56.45
GOOS IMPLEMENT LTD.	42.21
HOMETOWN FAM MKT	51.52
IOWA PRISON IND.	1,657.60
IOWA REGIONAL UTIL.	
	5,865.00
LUETHJE AUTO SALES	880.00
MTOWN, CITY OF	270.00
MEDIACOM	345.69
MICHAEL MARQUESS	230.00
NEW CENTURY FS	798.50
PCC AMBULAN BILLING	

	552.21
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS	25.94
PREMIER	39.50
SANITARY REFUSE	180.00
SASH, LYNN	20.83
SHIFT GENERAL CONT	
	5,856.75
SJE RHOMBUS	240.00
SUN COURIER	69.00
SUPERIOR WELDING SUP	
	189.75
TAMA GRUNDY PUB	577.90
TAMA CO. SHERIFF	6,619.40
TAMA CO SOILD WASTE	

	9,188.50
TESTAMERICA LABS	383.00
THEATRE BOOKING	150.00
TIMES-REPUBLICAN	90.00
TOWN & CO. WHOLESALE	
	777.57
TREAS. STATE OF IOWA	
	1,358.00
TYLER TECH	6,179.33
US CELLULAR	159.91
WINDSTREAM	988.47
	\$72,417.34

Expenses by Fund

General	\$49,025.89
Road Use	\$4,079.39
Water	\$7,730.95
Sewer	\$9,122.44
Theater/Matchsticks	\$1,799.63
Fitness/Pool	\$659.04
Total Expenses	\$72,417.34

April Revenue by Fund

General	\$121,917.49
Road Use	\$9,348.78
Employee Benefits	\$20,524.70
Local Option Sales Tax	

	\$5,960.92
Water	\$20,177.19
Sewer	\$13,929.81
Theater/Matchsticks	\$3,063.75
Fitness	\$2,208.68
Total Revenue	\$197,131.32

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