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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board February 5, 2019

President Dirk Uetz called the meeting to order at 5:04 at the Fossil Prairie Center in Rockford, Iowa. Present were Board Members Dirk Uetz, Joel Cannon, Cala McGregor, Beverly Fisher, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Director Adam Sears, and Supervisor Roy Schwickerath. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Cala seconded, and it was approved. Ann made a motion to accept the Meeting Agenda, Beverly seconded, and it was approved.

Roy gave the Supervisors Report. He said that most of their time in January was spent working on the Budget. Then he showed a brochure about our Fossil collecting site that he had picked up at the State Convention for Supervisors. It was a well done piece by the Limestone Producers, showing pictures of Brachiopods, etc.

Ann gave the Fossil Prairie Foundation report. They had discussed at length details on the Spring Banquet scheduled for March 2, 2019, at the Youth Enrichment Center at the Floyd County Fairgrounds. The Menu will be deluxe Cordon Bleu, Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin, and Smothered Chicken. The Foundation received a monarch tagging/ outdoor education grant of \$950. Trail signs will be upgraded with a \$4,000 grant and the foundation will spend another \$4,000. There will be a debit card for the Foundation, since a SS# is required for a credit card. New shirts will be ordered for Board Members.

Joel reported on the Cabin Committee. The builders are now dealing with the committee, and flooring, color schemes, etc. are being chosen. The amount needed is coming in right at the budgeted amount of \$90,000. The cabin will come with appliances and furnace. The Air conditioning will be extra, and we are working with Mills Plumbing on that.

Adam gave the Directors Report. The Staff has been doing brush cutting around the new cabin site and widened the area for easier construction. During bad weather they have also been doing picnic repairs and assembly. Nate Mead has been helping out. Robin Macomber has been working on the Mural at the FPP Center and it is looking good. Adam reminded the Board Members to fill out the biographies papers. The paperwork for the habitat studies for the Gates Bridge grant Fisheries Project are being completed. Meyer Excavating company will do the work there. Thirty people showed up for the Birdfeeder Palooza, making bird feeders. Tyler Walters groomed the trails for

28 people attended the cross country skiing. There was positive feedback from the Rudd Ice Fishing Frenzy last weekend. Adam will try to do it again next February and change it up a little. The Ag Lease Contracts will be coming in soon.

New Business: Students from the STEM Program want to do a River Trail with signage and new trail access. Kelly from the Charles City Press will do a story on it. It will be tabled until the next FCCB meeting.

Adam passed out a map and showed us a parcel that would be a possible land donation to Floyd County Conservation. It is land-locked for access, but is located on the Cedar River. It would cost us \$450 in a gift tax return. There was discussion on property issues, and it may have to be processed through the Supervisors of Floyd County. Dirk and Adam will go to the County Attorney for advice on the acceptance rules. Joel made a motion to authorize them to proceed and visit the County Attorney and research further information. Beverly seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business: The Wentlands Woods meeting has been moved to Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00 in the Charles City Public Library, Zastrow Room. There will be a presentation by the State Forester, Greg Heidebrink. A discussion is expected, and each person will be allowed five minutes to speak. It is open to Public Opinion. Ann will take minutes. Adam then gave a report on the Budget and said that the Supervisors will work with us to obtain a 3/4 ton truck, but we did not get approved for another full time employee or a dump truck. Adam said that we expect a big camping year coming and we may increase the capitol funds. Roy said that budget requests for every organization are tight this year.

Our next Board meeting will be March 5 at 5:00 pm at the FP Center. Joel made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Dirk Uetz, President

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary