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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board meeting for May 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:03 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center, Rockford, Iowa. Present were board members Dirk Uetz, Beverly Fisher, Ann Schneckloth, Joel Cannon, and Cala McGregor. Also present were Director Adam Sears, Naturalist Heidi Reams, Resident Ranger Tyler Walters, Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere, Nate Mead, and Citizens Marin and Rosy McGregor. Joel made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Beverly seconded, and it was accepted. Ann made a suggestion to add the discussion of acquisition of canoes and kayaks from the Red Cedar Lodge to the New Business. Ann then made a motion to accept the revised meeting agenda, Beverly seconded, and it was approved.

There was no Fossil Prairie Foundation report.

Joel gave the Cabin Committee report. The cabin has been delivered today, and the cement pads are in place. The tree removal and dirt moving is done in preparation for the setting of the cabin.

Adam gave the Directors report. He thanked everyone that attended the Outdoor Family Fair at the Tosanak Recreation Area on Saturday, May 4th. It was a beautiful day, and 80 to 100 people attended. The Fossil Prairie Center is going to be open daily starting June 1st, and extended daily openings for the rest of May. Ackley Creek and Idlewild are ready for the camping season. The staff could not mow at Colwell Park because it was busy with people using the Park. The fishing gear donated by the Floyd County Ikes was used during the Family Fair. Adam met with the Floyd County Treasurer's office personnel to work with a few glitches in the Online Reservation System for use of the County Parks. The Floyd County Ikes planted 50 Norway spruce at Mink Creek with cages. Trees Forever had given \$1,000 for the trees, giving the park a nice windbreak. Two Conservation aides have been hired for the 2019 summer. They will have orientation at the end of May. Nate Mead will quit working on May 31st. He was thanked by everyone. Pheasants Forever have given a donation for the purchase of a Ferminator, a state of the art food plot machine. Tyron said it does a great job. The ferminator is 6 feet wide, and can plant seeds of all sizes. Cedar Hill and Rock Creek have been done with this machine. The rocks for the Amphitheater will be coming soon from Otto's Oasis in Charles City.

The Ackley Creek driveway has been improved to allow the big campers to turn the corner. The culvert had to be extended and it is now twice as wide. The waterless toilet for the kiln area will be installed when the company is able to get here. The spring burning is done, and the brush is under control. The Supervisors will meet with Adam on the Budget Amendment May 28th. The money from our storm damage is due to us. This time of year is busy for Heidi with her classroom activities.

New Business: Jon Schneckloth talked to Dirk on Saturday about the purchase of kayaks and canoes with paddles, etc, and a travel rack to haul them upriver. We will get the amount of money needed from the Winterinks of the Red Cedar Lodge, then ask the Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation for the money, a vote by email to approve the purchase will be done when that purchase price is obtained.

Old Business: Greg Heidebrink and Tyler Walters went to the Wentlands Woods to mark the trees for the forestry plan today. They will finish on Friday. Tyler said they did Section 1, and there were so many trees they ran out of paint. Adam said to make sure Greg has help doing the rest.

The land donation is currently waiting for word from the Assistant County Attorney Randy Tilton. Adam checked the property and it is a long drive through the property of Nick Bjelika and Mary Ayers. They want to push for a 5 year lease on the access area to the land along the river. The progress on the easement is discouraging.

The next meeting will be June 4, 2019, at 5:00 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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Dirk Uetz, President

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Ann Schneckloth, Secretary