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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board February 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President, Dirk Uetz at 5:00 p.m. Present were Board Members: Dirk Uetz, Beverly Fisher, Joel Cannon, Pam Folz, and Pete Kloberdanz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, and citizen, Roy Schwickerath. Bev made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Pam seconded the motion was carried. Pam moved to amend the meeting agenda and a second was made by Bev. Motion carried.

Citizens report: Roy Schwickerath gave the report. The insurance rate was set to increase 5.09% for family. No discussion was held on conservation staff wage increases.

Foundation Liaison Report: Bev gave the report. There was discussion on the details of the upcoming banquet. There also was discussion on Polaris track update, the fat tire bike ride, and the sealed bids for the snowmobile.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. Adam has been working on a Fishery Habitat grant for Little Cedar and is waiting to hear back from the Iowa DNR. Mink Creek and the Fossil Park ponds will also be tested. Another grant from Trees Forever is being worked on as well. Staff completed winter seeding at Rock Creek, Nagels, and Tosanak. Staff have also been busy cutting brush at Trowbridge and grooming trails for skiers at Tosanak and Wildwood. Cabin Fever weekend went very well. 50 people came out to ski and snowshoe. The fat tire bike ride groups were all full. Unfortunately, due to bad weather conditions, the Owl Hike was cancelled. The naturalist programs are now becoming more available in person. The bird house/feeder kits are now available. Cleaning was done on the Wood Duck houses—details to follow. Robin Macomber will soon be starting on the murals in stairway and lower level of the Fossil and Prairie Center. A donation from Metas for the new Holland tractor is being worked on. The Fossil and Prairie Center will tentatively be opening May 1st with volunteers ready to come back.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the Wentlands Woods tree harvest. Knapp logging has now completed the tree harvest leaving the trails inaccessible. The board discussed a Press release on a firewood harvest or to have the material chipped for \$16,000.00. Joel moved to go ahead with the firewood harvest permit. Pam seconded and the motion carried.

The Board decided to run the Comp time policy by Ann Smisek from HR to review before the Board makes their final decision.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the 2021 maple syrup production information. Kossuth county gave us many helpful details, as they have a syrup making program of their own. Questions were raised for Bruce such as needing more tree tapped or more equipment. There is more chopped firewood prepared for this year.

The Board discussed a property for sale east of the Fossil and Prairie Park. The property contains 68 acres at \$10,000/acre. It is appraised at \$84,000.00. The Board agreed that they are open to negotiation. Pam moved to hold off and Pete seconded. The motion was carried.

The next meeting will be held on March 9th at 5:00 p.m. at Tosanak Recreation Area. Joel moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Pam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Secretary