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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board April 6th, 2021

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 Peter Kloberdanz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, Ranger Tyler Walters, and citizen, Roy Schwickerath. Bev made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Peter seconded the motion was carried. Peter moved to amend the meeting agenda and a second was made by Bev. Motion carried.

Citizens report: Roy Schwickerath reported that the budget passed at the hearing maybe contested due to the petition going around. He also stated that an AFLAC representative met with the supervisors.

Foundation Liaison Report: Bev reported that there was no meeting. She did bring up the fact that the online auction closed last Friday.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. He was able to meet with the Fishery DNR at Little Cedar for the Fishery Habitat grant which is due in November. Campgrounds will open April 30th, possibly sooner depending on the weather. The Spring Newsletter was mailed out containing articles which staff wrote. The Otter Ridge Cabin at Tosanak is booked every weekend from May to August. The online reservation system is working great! Up coming tree planting will be at Nagels and Rock Creek with 5,000 trees to plant, plus we will have 200 seedlings to give away. Tyler has been busy working on funding for evergreen trees. Staff have been working on prescribed burns at Nagels, Rock Creek, Fossil & Prairie Park, Tosanak, Happy Acres, and Little Cedar. Staff has also been busy putting up new boundary signs and placing the old Ackley Creek playground at Colwell Park. The IKEs donated bluebird and wood duck houses which are greatly appreciated. A grant was received from Hanson for the walking bridge at the Fossil & Prairie Park, we are still waiting on the Adams Family grant results. The new touch screen tv arrived which was all paid for by grants. Hunters Ed was successful with a full class attending. As a result 2 attendees signed up for the youth turkey hunt at Tosanak. There are 2 new memorial benches coming. One bench is for Lee Zimmer and the other for Doug Kamm.

Volunteering Training will be held at the Fossil & Prairie Center April 12th. Volunteer Day will be April 24th at Tosanak. Volunteers will be painting the Learning Center with paint from the Paint Iowa Beautiful grant. The Fossil & Prairie Center open house will also be April 24th from 1-4p.m. We will be celebrating the 20th year of the Center.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the Riverbend tree harvest public meeting. The meeting will take place April 29th at the Charles City Public Library starting at 6:30 p.m. with State Forester, Greg H.

The Board reviewed the maple syrup final report. The maple syrup production is complete with 75 gallons of finished syrup. The syrup is sold at Reiffs greenhouse, Ottos Oasis, Fossil & Prairie Center, and The Rustic Corner. The Board suggested to have more reports made on production and trees tapped throughout the syrup season.

New Business:

The Board discussed interviews and hiring of the seasonal position. The position closed March 26th with 4 applications submitted. Adam will interview 2 applicants on Thursday, April 8th.

The next meeting will be held on May 4th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil and Prairie Center. Joel moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Pam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Secretary