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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board May 4th, 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, and Pam Folz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, Ranger Tyler Walters, and citizen, Roy Schwickerath. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Bev seconded the motion was carried. Bev moved to amend the meeting agenda and a second was made by Pam. Motion carried.

Citizens report: Roy Schwickerath reported that the budget was contested and that there had been lots of questions raised about fund balances. Conservation has been asked about their fund balances but it is unknown to what they are looking for. Roy also stated that there will be an employee meeting for insurance at the end of May, possibly offering insurance for part time employees.

Foundation Liaison Report: Bev reported that the last meeting was about wrapping up the online auction. The next meeting will be in June.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. Campgrounds opened on April 23rd for the season. A week earlier than anticipated. All the river accesses are open with some having picnic tables and garbage cans. Staff held a training for the Fossil & Prairie Center Volunteers. The volunteers are all set up to work every weekend in May. The Fossil and Prairie Center's first open house was April 23rd and 24th. It was nice to get people back in the building enjoying what it has to offer. A volunteer day was hosted on April 24th at Tosanak Recreation Area painting the Learning Center. There was a few people who joined in on the project. Staff finished painting the building the following Tuesday. The food plots have been prepared for planting and staff are planning to plant them soon. Two new interns have been hired to help out this summer. Thirty-six trees were purchased with this year's memorial money. Most of the trees are about six feet tall and about one inch in diameter. These trees will be planted at the Fossil & Prairie Park, Trowbridge, Tosanak Recreation Area, and Idlewild. Adam is still working with Mita's Tires out of Charles City trying to get a tire donation to replace the set of tractor tires on the New Holland tractor. The individual he is working with is optimistic, but it is going to be a slow process.

Two large tree plantings were completed this spring at Nagles Wildlife Area. Over five thousand trees were planted at the end of April. A grant for four thousand dollars was received from the Adam's Family Foundation. This money will be used towards resurfacing the Fossil & Prairie Park bridge. Staff will be working on installing the older playground at Colwell Park. This is the old playground that was replaced at Ackley Creek last summer. Field trips and outdoor classrooms will begin very soon. The free seedling give-away has started with two hundred seedlings to hand out.

Old Business:

The Board discussed bid packets for Riverbend Wildlife Area tree harvest. Pam made a motion to move forward with the bid packet process for Riverbend. Bev seconded and the motion was carried.

New Business:

The Board discussed the Bioreactor project opportunity at Mink Creek. Pam made the motion move forward with the investigative digging and have an engineer determine that it's a proposed successful project. "We are committed to the project unless its determined it can't be done." Joel seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

The next meeting will be held on June 1st at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil and Prairie Park. Joel moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Pam seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

President

Secretary