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

The meeting was called to order by President, Dirk Uetz at 5:00 p.m. Present were Board Members: Beverly Fisher, Jesse Frerichs, and Pam Folz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, and Ranger, Tyler Walters. Pam 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: No report

Foundation Liaison Report: No report

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. Campgrounds and cabins continue to be used with a high volume of people. We have people staying in the cabins every weekend. We have been able to keep up on the mowing and able to work other projects since we have to seasonal staff this summer. The goats are in at FPP. We currently have 48 goats munching vegetation back for us down near the kilns. We hope to get goats in at TRA soon. The interior of the pit toilets at West Idlewild Park and Colwell parks have been painted. We also painted the exterior of the south pit toilet at Colwell Park. We held a memorial service tree planting at FPP for Lee Zimmer. We also laid a concrete pad and installed a bench near the wetland in his memory. We have had to spend some time watering the several dozen potted trees that we planted this spring. The 6,000 seedlings we planted are on their own. We have finished the Bridge resurfacing project at FPP this past month. Now we are working on the approach on both sides and the guideposts on each side. Staff finished putting chipped lime surface on the river trail at TRA. The next big project will be installing the old Ackley Creek playground at Colwell Park. We have completed the annual report for the auditor's office. Heidi held day camps at TRA and FPP this past month.

Old Business:

The Board tabled the Bioreactor Project at Mink Creek.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the Conservation Reserve Program at Rock Creek. A new enrollment period started with the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The last of the land that is currently being farmed with an ag lease contract is at Rock Creek otherwise everything has switched to operators paying with CRP money. Conservation would rather be paid CRP dollars and have the habitat on the ground for wildlife habitat. The Rock Creek piece is 32 acres that would switch from row crops to a tall grass prairie mix. The next property looking to enroll is at Tosanak Recreation Area. 15 acres on the south end has already planted to prairie but has a good enough crop history that can still be enrolled in CRP. The second parcel at TRA is the 7.7 acres on the lost 40 that has also already been planted to prairie with a good crop history to enroll in CRP. Both TRA areas are already planted to prairie and are not enrolled. Bev moved to enroll all three areas. Pam seconded and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed bids for the Riverbend Tree Harvest. Six bids were submitted. Pam moved to accept Dan Jones Logging bid for \$31,700.00. Bev seconded and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed a land acquisition of property adjacent to West Idlewild by working with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. On July 8th there will be an auction for the property next to West Idlewild that contains 24.29 acres. The INHF and Adam will be attending the auction and will be bidding on the land up to \$205,534.00. The INHF will pay for the land up front. Then, will be paid back over the next couple of years. Pam moved to bid on the property up to \$205,534.00 as recommended by INHF. Bev seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on August 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil and Prairie Park. Bev moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Jesse seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

President

Secretary