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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board August 3rd, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President, Dirk Uetz at 5:02 p.m. Present were Board Members: Pete Kloberdanz, Pam Folz, and Bev Fisher who joined the meeting on a zoom. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, Ranger, Tyler Walters, and Citizen, Roy Schwickerath. Pam made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Pete seconded the motion was carried. Pete moved to amend the meeting agenda and a second was made by Pam. Motion carried.

Citizens report: Roy Schwickerath gave the report. He stated that they still do not know how to use the Cares funding, and to think twice on capital spending this year. He also reported that their goal is to complete the courthouse project with possible action against the architect for breach of contract.

Foundation Liaison Report: No report

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. Seasonal positions are wrapping up. Alexis finished 2 weeks ago, and Noah's last day is next Friday.

We have been brush spraying as much as weather permits the past couple of weeks.

Staff has been busy mowing brush and weed patches as well We currently have goats at FPP and TRA. They both have been moved into new paddocks again, so they are happy this week. They are in the 3rd location at both parks. We feel that we need to get them back into Winterinks Woods next year.

Staff has been conducting maintenance mowing on our new prairie plantings at Nagles and Rock Creek.

We have also mowed between the rows of our seedling tree plantings at Nagles and Gil White Wildlife Area. Surprisingly we have a good survival rate with the drought conditions on seedling trees.

We have 4 new pieces of taxidermy that were recently finished, so look forward to seeing a barn owl, grey fox, deer, and raccoon displayed in the near future.

We have finished the Bridge resurfacing project at FPP this past month. We recently finished the approach on both sides and the guideposts with cables going through.

We are looking at several grant opportunities coming up in the next couple of months. We are still looking into a fishery improvement at Little Cedar Wildlife Area on the little Cedar River. The fish habitat grant is due on the last working day of November, so we have some time. The other grant we are looking at is the Beth Reinhardt Grant. This one is due at the end of August and we haven't completely zeroed in on what we want to do for that one yet.

I'm looking into options to make our rivers considered state water trails which could lead to funding for future projects. Mitchell County is currently working on the Cedar River in there county and contacted me about some potential funding at Seters Landing.

I had the documents signed by Kamm for the CRP contracts we approved to move forward with last meeting at Rock Creek and TRA.

JT Run went well. I left for South Dakota that same Saturday, so I wasn't present. Heidi would have more information about that day.

Heidi has done several programs like the women in the woods she and started a nature at noon hike for county employees. I did a presentation for the Rotary Club.

Heidi will start meeting with the schools the next couple of weeks to set up programs and field trips.

Hunters Education Course will be August 28th. We are also hosting a movie night that evening of the 28th.

September 11th we are hosting another 5 k run. That evening the Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation is having a meal and entertainment at the Fossil & Prairie Park.

We are looking at a date in September to hold a third canoe/kayak float if your interested in participating. We are going to try do the float on the Cedar next time. Summer newsletter is at printing shop, so expect that coming to you soon

Old Business:

Last month the Board moved to accept a bid for sale of the trees at Riverbend Wildlife Area from Dan Jones Logging. Dan Jones signed the contract and paid a sum of \$7,925.00 which is a quarter of the total amount for the 83 trees. He will not be able to start work until the full amount is paid.

New Business:

Conservation was recently contacted by Denise Wood about a boy scout event that is going to take place on July 29th, 30th, and 31st of 2022. The regional emergency management unit that includes 8 counties around Floyd wants to hold an Urban Emergency Planning event for scouts to have a chance to earn badges. Denise said this event would include at least 4 states being Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. The Emergency Management team that is leading the group has already visited Tosanak Rec Area and they think it is a perfect fit for them. The question they want answered is if they can rent all the facilities at Tosanak or have the park exclusively for them. Pete moved that they rent what they need plus \$5.00 a head and to not have the Park closed to the public. Pam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board discussed Electric Bikes on the county conservation public trails. The Board decided to have Adam check with the County Attorney for guidelines on this liability.

The Board set a date for the Floyd County Conservation Board tour. The tour will be October 2nd with a board meeting prior.

The next meeting will be held on September 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil and Prairie Park. Pam moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Pete seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

President

Secretary