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**Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board
September 7th, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Pete Kloberdanz at 5:00 p.m. Present were Board Members: Jesse Frerichs and Bev Fisher. 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, Jesse seconded the motion was carried. Jesse moved to amend the meeting agenda and a second was made by Bev. Motion carried.

Citizens report: Roy Schwickerath gave the report. He mentioned the Rescue plan (\$3 million) and to think big on any possible projects. He also mentioned that the Law Enforcement Center is close to opening. He said they are planning a day for public tours when its completed.

Foundation Liaison Report: Bev reported that movie night at the Fossil & Prairie Park went well. She also mentioned the upcoming foundation run at the Fossil & Prairie Park on Saturday.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report.

We applied for 2 grants to start fundraising efforts for a playground at FPP. We applied for the Beth Reinhardt Grant and the Hanson Family grant since our last meeting.

Heidi has started getting back into the schools doing her conservation programs. GREAT!

Hunters Education Course was August 28th. It went well. We had over 20 participants. Pheasants Forever purchased a new clay pigeon thrower for the conservation department. We will have another class in the spring as we teach 2 programs annually.

September 11th The Fossil & Prairie Foundation will be hosting a 5K run at the Fossil & Prairie Park.

We are looking at September 19th to have a canoe/kayak float on the Cedar River from Setters Landing to Idlewild. Staff has reviewed the burn plans for fall 2021 & spring 2022. We will be mowing firebreaks in the next couple of months.

We are wrapping up brush spraying season for the year as trees start to go dormant.

The Fossil & Prairie Center hours are changing back for the season to weekends only starting this week.

On Thursday, Doug Johnson had an engineer on site to determine the logistics of a Bioreactor at Mink Creek. He is supposed to call us when they have some information. Then if all goes well, they would do some investigative digging and determine where and what size bioreactor would be sufficient.

We are finished grazing goats for this year. Last week the goats were loaded up from Fossil & Prairie Park and Tosanak Recreation Area. This fall and winter we will do some follow up work in the areas the goats were in. It is much easier to work in these areas after the goats have grazed and made a browse line for us to work in. Next year we will be rotating goats back into Winterink Woods to set back some regrowth taking place in that area.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the October Floyd County Conservation Board Tour. The Board will meet at Trowbridge and start with a short meeting then begin the tour. They also decided to extend an invitation to the supervisors as well.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the Wentlands Woods uneven-age management labor options. The next phase of the timber stand improvement work has begun. Going through the area that was just logged and cutting all the small undesirable species of trees also called weeding the area will be the next step in this process. Bid packets have been sent to many contractors to see what it will cost for us to hire out the weeding project. The bids are due at 3:00 pm on September 22nd.

Working on the weeding project in house this winter is also under consideration. If the price tag per acre seems too high, staff will consider doing the project. The estimated time would be 1 to 2 weeks for staff to weed the area. The Board agreed to make their decision at the October Board meeting.

The next meeting will be held on October 2nd at 9:30a.m. at Trowbridge. Bev moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Jesse seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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