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**Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board
November 2nd, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Pete Kloberdanz at 5:00 p.m. Present were Board Members: Jesse Frerichs, Bev Fisher and Pam Folz called in. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, and Citizen, Roy Schwickerath. 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: Roy Schwickerath gave the report. He brought up the fact that the Law Enforcement Center is not open yet. He also mentioned that Conservation should get quotes for projects to use Cares funds for.

Foundation Liaison Report: Bev reported that the next meeting will be November 10th at 6:30pm.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report.

The Fossil & Prairie Center has now officially closed for the season. It was a busy and successful year! Staff met with the FPC volunteers for a post season wrap up. Making sure the volunteers know they are appreciated. Staff has reviewed the burn plans for fall 2021 & spring 2022 and firebreaks are ready. We will try to do some fall burning towards the end of the month. All our operators have the crops out in our wildlife areas. We hosted a youth pheasant hunt at Gil White Wildlife area again this year on October 23rd. We did not harvest any birds, but the kids did some shooting at birds. We are planning to advertise a little different next year and try to get a few more kids involved. Cabin usage has slowed down some the 2nd half of October. This weekend is busy again. Campgrounds have been closed for 3 weeks now. We finished winterizing facilities and began moving equipment to cold storage for the winter. With campgrounds closed it really frees up our staff to focus on other duties. We ordered trees for the spring planting to take place at Gil White Wildlife Area and at Rock Creek Wildlife Area.

Director's Report continued...

We have started putting together information for transitioning the office assistant position to fulltime status for the next budget year. We would like to see it changed to fulltime, but at the very least we need to get her salary up. A bill was sent out to 3 individuals to make a payment to us for native prairie mixes that will need. We ordered seed for planting early this winter. Naturalist Programs in the schools have continued to be high demand from all schools in Floyd County. Heidi had a busy month. Staff replaced shingles on the archery building at TRA from the storm damage this summer. They also replaced the roof of the small garage north of the shop with steel and started putting a steel roof on the pumphouse at TRA. Another project we started is replacing the doors on the Staudt Hollow Cabins at TRA. We purchased 5 new doors to install this offseason. We had 3 staff attend the fall District 2 meeting last month. Heidi went to the fall Iowa Association for Naturalist annual conference. Tyler, Tyron, and I attended the annual pesticide training last month. Heidi & Amy, an Ecommerce Summit to review the online reservation system as a whole. Heidi hosted a fat tire bike ride this past weekend. We were contacted from the Iowa DNR about Mitchell County making the Cedar River a state recognized water trail that will end at Setters Landing. They wanted to make sure we knew that the area will be eligible for grants since it will be a state recognized access. Jim Dow contacted us about the land east of the FPP which is the old golf course. He is going to list the land for sale. He contacted Mark Black who lives in the old golf course clubhouse about the land for sale as well. We told him that we would be interested if the price has changed or if we could afford enough to make a trail that would connect to the trail we currently have going to Rockford. Jim Dow said that the area in CRP that is on a lot of the back slope of the ditch is poor farm ground that why he put it in the program. It has only been enrolled one year so it would cost much to buy it out of the contract. Mark Black visited with us about teaming up to purchase a portion of the property recently. It officially hits the for sale market November 15th.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the Wentlands Woods uneven-age management labor bids/ options. Lucas Sisson's bid was \$330.00 an acre and there are 31.5 acres that will need to be cut. Total, he is asking \$10,395.00 for the whole project. The other option was to have Conservation staff do it themselves. Bev motioned for the work to be done by Conservation Staff. Jesse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Mink Creek Bioreactor grant. The funding side of the project is starting to move forward. The state grant will pay up to half of the bill for the bioreactor to be installed. The local soil and water district has already stated that they will cover the cost for the bioreactor to be put in. If the state will pay for half of the project it frees up funds to do other improvements in the area. The investigating digging has been done and now waiting for the Engineers final determination.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the Fish Habitat Grant Approval at Little Cedar Wildlife Area. The Board was given a packet of details on the subject. Tyron has met with the Iowa DNR Biologist and received three bids from contractors. Tyron then explained to the Board the project in further detail. A motion was made by Bev to support the project. Pam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on December 7th at 5:00pm at the Fossil & Prairie Center. Bev moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:46pm Jesse seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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