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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board February 7th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Pete Kloberdanz at 5:01 p.m. Present were Board Members: Jesse Frerichs, Doug Johnson, Mary Ramon, and Pam Folz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, Park Ranger, Tyler Walters, and Citizen Jim Jorgensen. Pam made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Doug seconded and the motion was carried. Mary moved to amend the meeting agenda with three new additions. A second was made by Pam. Motion carried.

Citizens report:

The Board welcomed Jim Jorgensen as the new liaison.

Jim Jorgensen mentioned that the Supervisors were continuing to work on budgets as well as the pipeline issue.

Foundation Liaison Report: Jesse Frerichs gave the report.

He mentioned the Biathlon which took place beginning of February. Everyone who participated in the event had a great time. The Foundation is already discussing new ideas for next years Biathlon.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report.

We applied for a Grant to help funding towards a new playground at the FPP. We are working on a grant to plant 6ft potted trees at TRA.

A seedling grant was received to give away small trees and shrubs again this spring. Staff attended the annual Winterfest conference at Coralville at the end of January. Wood duck nesting boxes are currently being monitored for success rates and we are replacing the bedding material. We have been grooming for cross country skiing at TRA and at Wildwood in Charles City. Heidi has been hosting cross country ski events at TRA. This past weekend the Fossil & Prairie Foundation hosted the annual biathlon activity at TRA. This weekend she is hosting a shed antler hunt on Sunday at FPP as well as the Sweet Heart Stroll at TRA. Darling cabin bathroom and kitchen updates continue.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the Annual Salary Survey for County Conservation Employees. Adam presented the information to the Board of Supervisors. Although undecided, the Supervisors want to approve a 3% salary increase which is less than what was originally asked for.

The Board reviewed the Cost Share Amendment for the Mink Creek Bioreactor Project. Adam presented the Board with new paperwork to sign in order to move forward with Kamm Excavating due to no action by Two Men and a Hoe. Doug moved to amend the cost share funding with the Soil & Water Committee. Mary seconded and the motion was carried.

The Board reviewed Adam as Floyd County representative on Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition. Previously, Linda Tjaden was the representative until the county supervisors changed positions on January 1st. Pam moved to have Adam be the new representative. Jesse seconded and the motion was carried.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the Request to ride horses on East Idlewild. Currently the Floyd County Conservation policy is to prohibit any equestrian use. The Board decided to continue with the current standing policy.

The Board discussed the Slough Creek signage. Conservation staff assured the Board that they are fully aware of the difference in property lines and that it is signed accordingly.

The Board discussed converting Cedar Hills to prairie. In order to accomplish this mass amounts of cedar trees would have to be removed and then prairie planted. The Board decided not to follow through with the project at this time.

The Board discussed Food Plot Strategy. Conservation receives seed from the Pheasants Forever Foundation. Staff plants sorghum, brassicas, and sun flowers which attract various wildlife. The seed is currently broadcasted due to the fact that conservation does not own a planter.

The next meeting will be held on March 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Center. Pam moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Doug seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President

Secretary