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**Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board March 7th, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President, Pete Kloberdanz at 5:04 p.m. Present were Board Members: Jesse Frerichs, 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, Jesse seconded and the motion was carried. Jesse moved to amend the meeting agenda with three new additions. A second was made by Pam. Motion carried.

**Citizens report:**

Jim Jorgensen gave the report.

He stated that the Supervisors are continuing to work on the budget and pipeline issues.

**Foundation Liaison Report:** Jesse Frerichs gave the report.

He stated that no Foundation meetings have been held.

**Director's Report:**

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report.

Last month we applied for a Grant for funding towards a new playground at the Fossil Park and a tree seedling giveaway. This past month we applied for 2 more grants, one for an education hydroponics lab for Heidi to take into classrooms and another grant for \$2,500 worth of potted trees for the new campground at TRA. People are getting out looking for deer antlers, shed hunting in our areas. Wood duck nesting boxes have new bedding and have been monitored for success. The Darling cabin bathroom & kitchen updates are in progress. We had a pause for a few days while we waited for mudding, taping, and texturing to get done. The number of individuals staying at Tosanak gradually picks up starting this weekend with a group staying at the Directors Lodge Friday through Sunday. Sap is being collected at Tosanak Rec Area. They have had a few days of good collecting. The mural work on the main level of the Fossil Park Visitor Center is in progress. The guys installed new smoke detectors and ceiling fans in the Visitor Center since the mural artist had the ladders and scaffolding in place for painting. We should be getting the new ADA doors installed in the second part of March. It took a little longer than expected with a few parts being back ordered.

Amy and Heidi are reviewing the material and pictures for the online reservation system. Heidi continues to visit schools to provide educational natural resource programs. Field trip season is right around the corner, and we will have hundreds of kids visiting the Fossil and Prairie Park weekly. It gets crazy around the Fossil Park for a while. Heidi is leaving tomorrow for a couple days to attend the Iowa Association of Naturalist conference in western Iowa. Hunters' education course is on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The class is taught by Floyd County Conservation staff. The class is now full.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the Budget/Salary adjustment for Conservation Department. Adam met with the supervisors for the second time to present budget adjustments. The supervisors will put funding in the conservation budget for a new truck. The money will be taken out of conservation's revenue source.

Adam also presented salary adjustments. The supervisors decided not to raise conservation staff salary up to state average. Jesse made a motion to amend the budget and to rework the numbers within the budget and give staff raises. Adam will go back to present to the supervisors on Monday. Mary seconded and the motion carried.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the Mink Creek Bioreactor project Amendment. The budget amendment request was approved for the Mink Creek Denitrifying Bioreactor cost share assistance. The completion date was also moved back to September 30th instead of April 20th.

The next meeting will be held on April 4th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Center. Pam moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Jesse seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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