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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board April 4th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Pete Kloberdanz at 5:03 p.m. Present were Board Members: Jesse Frerichs, Mary Ramon, and Doug Johnson. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, and Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere. Doug 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 Mary. Motion carried.

Citizens report:
No Report

Foundation Liaison Report: Jesse Frerichs gave the report. He mentioned the Open House event at Tosanak coming up May 7th as well as the Summer Festival at the Kilns June 3rd.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report.

Camping season is just around the corner. We will be busy preparing for that. We started with the FPP and opened the restrooms and put out the picnic tables last week. The official opening of campgrounds will be May 5th. The maple syrup crew has finished for the season. They produced over 164 gallons of syrup and bottled it to sell.

The mural on the main level of this building is complete. It turned out great. If you see any of the Foundation members, be sure to thank them for funding that project. Robin said she would like to paint a new mural on the wetland scene to the left when you enter the main exhibit area. It sounds like if we install lights, she will donate her time.

The new doors have been installed on the FPC. We are still trying to get used to them. The last part of the doors is getting power to the handicap door open control box. The Darling Cabin updates are complete. It turned out better than expected! I have reached out to Karl Chevrolet about the new pickup purchase. They are not sure what inventory they will receive on fleet vehicles. They said to call them back the first week of June. Heidi continues to visit schools to provide educational natural resource programs. We are gearing up for the big field trip season push. It looks like it could be our busiest spring field trip season ever. We have a meeting set up with Doug Kamm Excavating to discuss the Bioreactor project at Mink Creek. The conservation department hosted hunters' education course on March 25th.

Director's Report continued...

A couple of controlled burns were done last week. We completed prescribed burns at both Gil White Wildlife Area and Cedar Hills Wildlife Area. We did not hire anyone for the conservation aide position because the one person that applied had taken a different job. So, we have a conservation aide and a lawn mower operator position open right now.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the Budget/Salary adjustment for the Conservation Department. The appointed conservation salary committee met with the supervisors on March 13th. The supervisors did not add any funds to the conservation budget for salary increases. Other options were considered. No action was taken.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the Food Plots at FCC Areas 2023. Tyron Steere presented to the Board what has typically been done regarding food plot planning and implementation. Discussion was raised about a source to test soil samples, planting with a firminator, and CRP area requirements. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the Cedar Hills Wildlife Area Habitat. Discussion was held on possibly taking out the cedars and converting the food plots to prairie. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the Remote Primitive Campsites at FCC Areas. Doug Johnson mentioned the option to remote camp in Story County. Primitive camping is currently allowed at Colwell Park, Gates Bridge River Access, Ackley Creek, East Idlewild, and Tosanak Recreation Area. Remote primitive camping is not offered. No action was taken.

The next meeting will be held on May 2nd at 5:00 p.m. at the Tosanak Recreation Area. Doug moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jesse seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Secretary