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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board May 2nd, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Pete Kloberdanz at 5:06 p.m. Present were Board Members: Jesse Frerichs, Mary Ramon, Doug Johnson, and Pam Folz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, and Citizens Bruce Bergland, Bev Fisher. 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:
No Report

Foundation Liaison Report: Jesse Frerichs gave the report. Jesse Frerichs gave the report. He mentioned the Open House Event being held at Tosanak Recreation Area Sunday, May 7th. He also mentioned the Summer Festival Event which will be held at the Fossil & Prairie Park Kilns on June 3rd.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. The Fossil and Prairie Center opens this Friday for weekends only through May. We have already had a lot of visitors from this field trip season and that is just getting started. Volunteers will be starting. Heidi continues to visit schools to provide educational natural resource programs. The official opening of campgrounds is this Friday May 5th. Mowing will be starting soon. We have hired Bill Chamberland back as the Lawn Mower Operator for this summer. We are also in the works of hiring a young man in high school, James Frieberg. We are still getting used to the new doors on the FPC. The ADA doors have been working well so far. They are very quiet compared to what we had before. The supervisors are supposed to be working on a budget amendment sometime soon. It sounds like they will set the hearing at Mondays meeting. We are working to get about \$41,000 put back in the conservation budget from a storm that took place last summer. The conservation department covered the costs out of the funds needed to make repairs and replacement and the courthouse absorbed the insurance checks.

Director's Report continued...

Karl Chevrolet was contacted again about the new pickup purchase. They are not sure what inventory they will receive on fleet vehicles. They do have some options now but not what we are looking for. Doug Kamm Excavating will be installing the Bioreactor at Mink Creek this month. We are purchasing a larger culvert from secondary roads for the creek crossing. Kamm put several loads of rock on site to prepare for the new crossing. Tosanak Shower house is being prepared for the season. We haven't had it open since COVID started, so we have quite a few little things that need to be addressed. We are looking at having this ready next week before we see a large group coming to Tosanak June 18th. We did a couple days' of controlled burning. We did about half of what was on the list for this spring. Things slowed down with the burn ban that took place and with the conservation department being short staffed. The Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation group is hosting an Open House Event at TRA this Sunday having rides to view the bluebells and the cabins & lodges will be open for viewing with a discount offered if they make a reservation. It would be great to have some Board members attend or help.

Old Business:

No Report

New Business:

The Board reviewed the maple syrup updates. Bruce presented the Board with a report. Over 165 gallons of syrup was collected. There were approximately 20 volunteers that were involved during the process. The syrup will be sold at the following businesses; Ace Hardware, Rustic Corner, Reiffs, Stop N Shop M.R., Courthouse, and the Fossil & Prairie Center.

The Board reviewed the Memorial Tree for Morgan Walters. Dennis Westergard would like to plant a tree in the memory of Morgan Walters in Colwell Park. The Board agreed that there is plenty of space at Colwell to plant a memorial tree.

The Board reviewed the Soil Analysis. Multiple areas will need lime depending on what was planted. The soybean areas will need lime added and the corn sorghum will need potash (potassium) added. Conservation staff will focus on the lowest fields and add what is necessary within the budget.

The next meeting will be held on June 6th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Park. Doug moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Pam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President

Secretary