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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board June 13th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Pete Kloberdanz at 5:03 p.m. Present were Board Members: Jesse Frerichs, Mary Ramon, Doug Johnson, and Pam Folz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, and Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere. Jesse made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Pam seconded and the motion was carried. Mary moved to amend the meeting agenda with three new additions. A second was made by Jesse. Motion carried.

Citizens report:
No Report

Foundation Liaison Report: Jesse Frerichs gave the report. He mentioned the Summer Festival Event, all went well with positive feed back. He also mentioned the Eagle Scout project which will be taking place at the Fossil & Prairie Park. This project entails new garbage cans in various places around the park.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report.

The Fossil and Prairie Center is now open daily from 1-4. Fieldtrip season was one of our busiest ever. It's kind of nice that it is over, but we still have been getting a lot of visitors daily. The official opening of campgrounds was Friday May 5th. We had people camping shortly after we opened the gates to the campgrounds. Mowing has kept us busy, now that has slowed down we have a chance to do some other projects. We survived an extremely busy Memorial Day weekend and are now gearing up for the 4th of July Holiday. We have been utilizing the Iowa County Conservation System for online reservations for the past few years. This year we made a big change by QR codes to the site marker, so that the sites offer zero-day reservations with credit cards. This gives people the ability to show up, scan a campsite and pay from their phone using a card. It also still allows a person to make a reservation in advance from home, by selecting a campsite in advance. It gives our staff the freedom from handling all the camping deposit slips and cash and allows for anyone of us to make rounds on weekend because all the information is uploaded electronically. We are one of the gunnie pigs trying it the first year, because most of the counties decided to wait another year to let others work out the problems.

Director's Report continued...

We initially hired Bill Chamberland to mow for us again this summer, but he backed out on us. We currently have a 16-year-old, James Freiberg, working for us this summer. He started last week. He has a new employee orientation at the courthouse tomorrow. The supervisors agreed to put the \$41,000 back in the conservation budget from a storm that took place last summer. The conservation department covered the costs out of our funds needed to make repairs and replacements, the treasurer's office received the insurance checks. Everything should be good with our budget now.

We have been communicating with Jacob with Karl Chevrolet about the new pickup purchase. An allocation letter and intent to purchase agreement was filled out and submitted. We are now waiting to hear back. Doug Kamm Excavating has installed the Bioreactor at Mink Creek this past month. We purchased a large culvert from secondary roads for a better creek crossing. Kamm put several loads of rock from the courthouse project on site for the new crossing. The engineer might have a couple of things to change, and the site will still need seeded. The Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation group hosted an Open House Event at TRA Sunday May 7th, they had rides to view the flowering bluebells and opportunities to view the inside of the cabins & lodges. We had a tree planting at Tosanak with RRMR school kids. We wrote a Trees for Kids Grant, and received 18 trees valued at \$2,400. Most of the trees were planted in the new camping area at Tosanak Rec Area. Let the watering begin! We are currently working with 2 Eagle Scouts to complete projects.

Old Business:

No Report

New Business:

The Board reviewed the Resident Ranger departure & job announcement. The Ranger position is now open and the job announcement will be posted later in the week. Changes include 4 year degree or 2 year degree with 2 years of experience. Doug moved to go forward with opening the position. Pam seconded and the motion was carried.

The Board reviewed the potential property purchase, non-agricultural acres. Doug has been working with a property owner on conservation practices. They asked if conservation would be interested in the CRP acres. The Board decided to table until more information is provided.

The Board reviewed County Supervisors discussion on communication tower at Fossil & Prairie Park. Adam was approached by Supervisor Keifer of having a communication tower at the FPP or possibly across the road. The area will be approximately 100x100ft. fenced off. The Board was not in favor of having the tower at the FPP.

The Board reviewed the ATV/UTV use on Floyd County Conservation Areas. Initially conservation did not want ATV/UTV on county properties after the state made the rule change to allow them on roadways. The Board decided to allow ATV/UTV use wherever motor vehicles are authorized. Jesse moved to modify the existing rules and regulations. Mary seconded and the motion was carried.

The next meeting will be held on July 11h at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Center. Doug moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Pam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President

Secretary