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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board August 8th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Peter Kloberdanz at 5:05 p.m. Present were Board Members: Jesse Frerichs, Mary Ramon, Doug Johnson, and Pam Folz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Park Ranger Spencer DeJooode, and Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere. Jesse made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Pam seconded and the motion was carried. Pam moved to amend the meeting agenda. A second was made by Jesse. Motion carried.

Citizens report:

Jesse Frerichs gave the report. He mentioned two upcoming events. "Movie Night" will be held August 19th at the Fossil & Prairie Park. "Eyes in the Night" will be held October 14th at the Tosanak Recreation Area.

Foundation Liaison Report:

No Report

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. We have been very busy in our campgrounds and cabins this past month. The new campground continues to have campers and facilities are being utilized. We have been spending a lot of time mowing, cleaning, and making repairs trying to keep up with our high visitor use. The past few weeks we have been busy brush spraying. We have made it to most of our high priority sites that we wanted brush sprayed. Next, we will be doing some follow-up spraying to hit brush that was missed the first time & also some additional sites. We are continuing to work with various Boy Scout groups on projects. We had an Eagle Scout complete the installing of the permanent garbage cans at 3 locations here at FPP. Staff met with a CC scout leader 2 weeks ago at Riverbend Wildlife Area. We are planning on some trail improvements that include removing overgrown vegetation and putting down a base layer of rock for the trail. The JT Run was Saturday, July 15th. The Fossil & Prairie Park was full of people making it another successful event. The runners really enjoyed the trail.

Director's Report Continued...

We started to work on another tree grant to replace the trees that were logged at Riverbend Wildlife Area. It's a Community Forestry Grant Program that was established for counties that have been impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer. Prior to us doing any logging, the local forester put together a post logging tree planting plan with a mix of oak trees. Our seasonal, James has been busy taking cages off trees, painting, cleaning, and mowing. This Friday will be his last day working for us.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the Mink Creek Bioreactor updates. The final phase of this project is to reinstall the gate and fence that was taken down for access to the project. The QR Code for educational purposes was constructed and is now waiting to be put out at the site. The informational website which the QR Code will lead to is already operational. An article will also be put in the newspaper regarding this project.

The Board reviewed the Floyd county handbook changes. The County Supervisors requested that every Board adopt the 2023 handbook changes. Jesse moved to adopt the 2023 handbook changes. Doug seconded and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the property donation. Adam and Doug met with the property owners along with potential buyers. Some questions were answered but it is now in a waiting period.

New Business:

The Board was introduced to the new Park Ranger for Floyd County, Spencer DeJoode.

Conservation Board elections were held. Mary Moved to reelect Pete Kloberdanz as President and Jesse Frerichs as Vice President. Pam seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on September 5th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Center. Jesse moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Pam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President

Secretary