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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board November 7th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Peter Kloberdanz at 5:06 p.m. Present were Board Members: Mary Ramon, Pam Folz, and Doug Johnson. Also present was: Director, Adam Sears, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Park Ranger Spencer DeJooode, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, and citizen, Jim Jorgensen. Doug made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Pam seconded and the motion was carried. Mary moved to amend the meeting agenda. A second was made by Pam. Motion carried.

Citizens report:

Jim Jorgensen gave a report. He mentioned the wind turbine, the pipeline, and the open house at the County Court House. He also mentioned the supervisors receiving a few phone calls complementing the "Eyes in the Night" Halloween event.

Foundation Liaison Report:

The "Eyes in the Night" Halloween event was held October 14th at the Tosanak Recreation Area. All went well with a tremendous turn out.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report.

Campgrounds are now closed for the season. The picnic tables have been stored under the shelters for the winter. The waterlines have been cleared before the winter freeze up. We have quite a bit of work to do cutting dead Ash trees this year. It's a high priority for us to take out the dead trees to keep the visitors safe from falling dead branches.

Tyron, Spencer, and I attended the District 2 meeting at Lime Creek Nature Center two weeks ago. They had a lot of valuable information to share, and we look forward to some of the updates to ICCS website and the online reservation system. Heidi attended the Iowa Association for Naturalist last week. Spencer attended a new county conservation employee workshop. Tyron and I attended the annual pesticide training refresher class. We are still waiting to hear if Heartland Asphalt is going to make repairs to the main parking area and building entrance this fall or early in the spring. We will be looking at prescribed burning starting next week if the weather allows. The crops near our planned burn locations have been harvested. Riverbend is getting 75 Oak seedlings planted this Saturday by the Charles City Boy Scouts. They are going to plant, mulch, and cage the trees. Then in spring we are hoping to work on trail development there.

Director's Report Continued...

We have been looking into playgrounds for the Fossil & Prairie Park. A design and estimate from Boland Recreation was received yesterday. A representative from Play-Pro-Rec is also coming on Monday to discuss what options they have for us. They offer free quotes and design as well. We currently have \$15,000 in grant money from two grants that we received last year and one from two years ago. The funds are currently in the Foundation account, and a discussion with them will be held at their next meeting. It's time to proceed with spending that grant money. We have begun the work on the new information kiosk at Fossil & Prairie Park. There was an October wedding at Idlewild right after camping season. The "Eyes in the Night" Halloween event at Tosanak Recreation Area was held on Oct 14th. It was a huge success! The annual CRP payments were received.

Old Business:

The Board discussed funding to convert native Red Cedar Trees to native prairie mix at Cedar Hills Wildlife. Discussion was held months ago regarding converting Cedar monoculture to prairie/savannah. The Board decided to have staff review/create a five year plan for this possible project.

The Board reviewed the link FCCB website pages to Google Maps depicting boundaries. The Board was shown how the website functions as well as direct links to all County Areas.

New Business:

The Board evaluated campgrounds closing & continuous camping season. The Board further discussed which campgrounds are typically closed for the season. Adam stated that most campgrounds in Iowa start closing in the fall months.

The Board discussed allowing hunting/fishing in campgrounds during closed season.

Adam brought up the fact that fishing is already allowed in all conservation areas.

The Board discussed no hunting in wildlife preserves/refuges. A question was brought up as to why these particular areas are labeled as a preserve/refuge. Adam mentioned that the preserves/refuges were given to conservation to remain as such. Further discussion was held on possibly allowing hunting at other preserves/refuges that were not given.

The next meeting will be held on December 5th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Center. Pam moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Mary seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President

Secretary