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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board January 5, 2016

President Dirk Uetz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present at the Fossil Prairie Center were members Joel Cannon, Jay Jung, Dirk, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Supervisor Roy Schwickerath, Director Adam Sears, Resources Director Dave VanWaus, Resident Ranger Tyler Walker, and Naturalist Heidi Reams. There were no citizens

Joel made a motion to accept the emailed consent agenda, and Ann seconded. The motion passed. Ann made a motion to accept the Agenda, and Joel seconded. The motion carried.

Roy gave the supervisors report. The Budget has been worked on, and Adam has attended one of their workshops. The budget has to be finalized by March 16, but there will be discussions at the end of January, and a hearing the second Tuesday in February. The Comp Board has recommended a 2.27% increase for all government employees, and the Supervisors a 1.27% increase. It was recommended that the 2.27% increase be submitted in the budget proposals.

Adam gave the directors Report. The first Grant to be reported on is the Fish Habitat for bank stabilization at Tosanak Recreation Area, for \$18,000. It is a 90/10, and we will have to come up with about \$2,000. The next grant applied for is the Hotel/Motel Tax Grant for highlighting the Fossil Prairie Park. The Floyd County community Fund will grant us money to buy youth XC skis and a rack to store them. The t5rails have been groomed at TRA, Wildwood, and the FPPark. Heidi has been doing winter classes at the TRA Learning Center, with 16 youth on Friday, and 25 on Saturday. Heidi is still planning XC events. Next year there may not be any adult archers for hunting on the TRA. It was the youth archers who were enthusiastic this year, so they will be given the licenses next year. The Iowa County Conservation Board Winter Fest will be in Waterloo this year, and Tyler and Dave will attend. There were many shop improvements at both TRA and Trowbridge. The TRA shop was heated by the furnace from the pool, and the ceiling was donw with reused material from the wall that was torn down. New fixtures for lighting were cheaper than new bulbs, and both Trowbridge and TRA have updated ones. The Trowbridge facility also has new windows.

There have been 15 taxidermy specimens donated by Jason Parcher. They have been used to spruce up the Directors Lodge at TRA.

New Business: We are trying to get salaries to be in tune with the median salaries as set by the IACCB. Dave and Heidi are in the second phase of the step increase, and Adam and Tyler will follow later this year.

There has been some investigation into the purchase of a new tractor. The goal has been to only spend \$40,000. A trailer to haul it may not be needed right away because the tractor can be driven to most of the areas where it will be used. Adam is looking at Floyd County dealers. Dave mentioned that the truck is showing its age, and will probably begin breaking down more often. We also will need to look at a new truck purchase.

Old Business: The Howards Woods issue has been resolved quickly. Adam has spoken with the Assistant County Attorney and learned that the family's deed makes the park a Chickasaw County property. There is possibility of co-management by both Floyd and Chickasaw. There was also discussion of harvesting the woods for some funding.

The next meeting is February 2, 2016 at the Fossil Prairie Center at 5:30pm. Joel made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____