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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board meeting February 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:30 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center. Present were members Joel Cannon, Jay Jung, Pam Fuls, Ann Schneckloth, Dirk Uetz, and Supervisor Roy Schwickerath, Director Adam Sears, and Resident Ranger Tyler Walker. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and Jay seconded. It was approved. Jay made a motion to accept the Meeting Agenda, and Pam seconded. It was approved. There were no citizens in attendance. A fact sheet was passed around showing the number of acres acquired by Floyd County Conservation as 1,131 from 2003 until 2015.

Roy gave the Supervisors Report. They are currently working on the budget for 2016. The fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. They have discussed our request for \$40,000 for a tractor. It will be put through the general fund, and we will likely receive the money needed.

Ann reported that the Fossil Prairie Foundation has not had a meeting since our last meeting, so there was no report.

Adam gave the Director's report. There has been discussion about switching over all hunting to be youth at Tosanak Recreation Area. It will be more beneficial and worth while. The cottonwoods have been taken down that were near the Juniper Hill, and there is only clean up left to do. Hannawalt Logging will use the wood to make shipping palettes. The Floyd County Ikes will be donating and planting new trees in Ackley Creek Campground, which will probably amount to \$1,000. Adam has applied for a grant through the State of Iowa for trees to plant at Tosoanak, Colwell Park, Idlewild, and Fossil Prairie Park, amounting to \$1,000 to \$5,000. We should hear from them soon. Kelly Tree Farm has trees at \$49 apiece. There will be an opening for a Conservation Aide position for the summer, and the Natural Resource Manager position is being advertised. It can be found on the Floyd County website, the Iowa County Conservation Boards website, and is posted at the Floyd County Courthouse. The Spring Open House is planned for April 30 at Tosanak Recreation Area. There will be a 5K Run, Tram rides, and crafts, among the activities. It is recommended that the Conservation Board members be there. Tyler has done trail grooming at Tosanak, Wildwood, and the Fossil Prairie Park. He will groom the Tosanak trails again on Thursday or Friday in preparation for the Saturday, February 13 Sweetheart Stroll. There will be after-dark luminaries along the trail. The Fossil Prairie Banquet is now 2 weeks away. It will be at Gilberts Sale Yard just north of Floyd on Saturday, February 27. Adam recommended that all

all members read their IACCB newsletters that are published online.

New Business: Adam said the ag lease contracts have been mailed out for 2016. The average price per acre is \$228, as stated by Iowa State Extension Office. Our operators pay \$200 because it is marginal land.

He is waiting on 3 contracts.

There was no Old business.

Our next meeting will be March 1, at 5:30 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center west of Rockford. Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 5:50 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary

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