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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board March 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:31 pm. Present were members Dirk Uetz, Pam Fuls, Joel Cannon, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Director Adam Sears, Resident Ranger Tyler Walker, and Supervisor Roy Schwickerath.

Joel Made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and Pam seconded. It was approved. The agenda needed one modification, to change the Budget Amendment discussion to the April meeting. Ann moved we accept the new agenda, and Pam seconded. The agenda was approved.

Roy gave the Supervisors report. The Active Shooter Training was a success. The Budget has gone through, as presented. It will have money put in for our tractor, but it will show no income transfer. There will be a public hearing on this next Tuesday at the Courthouse.

Foundation meeting report was given by Adam, because neither Pam nor Ann could attend their meeting. The meeting was to be the preparation for the Fossil/Prairie Foundation Banquet, February 27. He also reported that 147 people attended, and the speaker on bats was very good.

Adam gave the Directors report. The staff has been doing painting in the Fossil/Prairie Center during the days of inclement weather. There is a day or two worth of work left on the cottonwood removal site. The staff did not expect that much debris to be left after the professional tree removers were there. The wood duck houses were 75% successful. The Canada Goose platforms are yet to be placed in the pond. The Trees for Kids project is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the kids will plant 13 species of trees for that project. The Floyd County Ikes have voted yes to the Ackley Creek tree planting, donating \$1040 to complete it. The shop area at the Trowbridge Center has been cleaned. Tyler and Adam removed weed trees between the road and the quarry, and pulled the unsightly fence. The Conservation Aide job has been posted for summer interns, and it will close next Friday. There have been no applications. The intern must work under 30 hours per week because of insurance. March 25 is the closing date for applications for the Natural Resource Manager position. There are 18 applications so far. The Tosanak Rec. Area will have the open house on April 30. All Board

Area will have the open house on April 30. All Board members should attend. There will be a 5K run at 9:00 am, then the Trams will be running from 10:00am to 2:00 pm.

Joel asked Adam about the search for a tractor. Adam said the vehicle is more important now, and then research will continue for a tractor.

New Business: Gloria Carr, the Auditor, said the budget amendments will be held in April.

Old Business: Adam passed around a document of pictures about the bank stabilization project. The goal is to improve 350 feet of habitat along the Shell Rock River at TRA to maintain a healthy fishery. It will be a high use area and lots opportunities for public use. The project is not exceed \$17,280, and we will do a 10% match. Joel moved to approve this grant and sign it. Ann seconded, and it was approved.

The next meeting is April 5 at the Trowbridge Center, 5:30 pm.

Joel moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____