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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board April 5, 2016

President Dirk Uetz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, at the Trowbridge Wildlife Area Office. Present were members Pam Folz, Joel Cannon, Dirk Uetz, Ann Schneckloth, Resident Ranger Tyler Walker, Director Adam Sears, and Supervisor Roy Schwickerath. Member Jay Jung attended by phone connection. There were no citizens present. Ann made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and Jay seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved. Joel made a motion to accept the Meeting Agenda, and Pam seconded. The Meeting agenda was approved.

Roy gave the Supervisors Report. He said that we are approved to go ahead and find a new vehicle for our use.

Ann gave the Fossil Prairie Foundation Report. They have had no official meetings since the January 7 meeting. They did approve the purchase of new chairs and tables for the lower level of the Fossil Prairie Center. Ten sets of kids cross country skis will be purchased for use next year with money from the NEIA Community Foundation.

Adam gave the Directors Report. The Trowbridge wildlife area has changed a lot since Adam took over. 5 file cabinets in the office have been reorganized. The old chairs and tables from the FP Center have been moved to the Trowbridge center. Ikes and Pheasant Forever will have a part in the facility, and the garage part can be locked. Also Floyd County Emergency Management can use it. In the Tosanak Recreation area, the Staudt Hollow rest rooms have been removed to make way for a new rest room facility there. It will cost about \$30,000. \$18,500 will be the physical facility, \$9,000 for the plumbing, and \$2,500 to get electricity. The goal is to have it done around July 4, 2016. Spring planting of trees is ready to go. The DNR has donated \$2,000 worth of 13 species of trees for the Tosanak Recreation Area. The Rockford FFA students will be part of the planting process on April 16. The Floyd County Ikes have ordered 20 trees, 4 species, for planting at Ackley Creek. The new vehicle has been ordered, which is a Chevy Equinox for \$21,000. There is not a rush to get a tractor and it is still being looked at for purchase in Floyd County. The budget has been amended to include a furnace installation at the TRA shop. Adam then reminded everyone to attend the Open House on April 30 at the Tosanak Recreation Area. Dirk then brought up for discussion the possible need for RV accessibility at TRA. Joel said it could be a 5 to 10 year project. We will make it an agenda item at the next meeting.

New Business: Roy said there are decent rebates on new lighting, which is really needed in the Trowbridge Center office.

Old Business: There were 28 applicants for the Natural Resource Manager. There will be formal interviews for 7 of those applicants. Then they will be asked for an essay style paper. It has been effective in the past. Adam then reported on the big Bank Stabilization project at Tosanak. The trees have been removed and next the rock will be brought in. Then the dirt and proper vegetation will be planted. It will not be useable this year because of the recovery of the bank project.

Joel reported that he attended a meeting where the Iowa Fish and Wildlife speaker said the trust fund will be broke in 4 years. Something must be done to enhance forestry and fish grants. Roy attended a forum on trails from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation on setting up trails. There are people from the National Park Service that can give information.

Ann made a motion to adjourn. The next meeting will be at the Tosanak Recreation Area Directors Lodge on May 3 at 5:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____