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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board meeting May 3, 2016

President Dirk Uetz called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Present were members Dirk Uetz, Joel Cannon, Jay Jung, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Director Adam Sears, Supervisor Roy Schwickerath, and Tyler Walker, Resident Ranger. There were no citizens present. Joel moved to accept the consent agenda, and Jay seconded. It was approved. Ann moved to accept the meeting agenda, and Jay seconded. It was approved.

Roy gave the the Supervisors report. He said the budget amendment had been discussed. Our tractor is going to be purchased and we will pay for it next year.

Ann gave the Fossil Prairie Foundation report. There have been no official meetings since January 7.

Adam gave the Directors Report. The Tosanak Open House on April third was disappointing because of the miserable weather of rain and wind.

There were still enough people attending to give tours. The Monday and Tuesday following the Open House brought in more reservations for cabin rentals. The Staudt Hollow rest room at Tosanak is nearly finished.

The Bank Stabilization Project is progressing , with the ramp set and ready to put in and the shoreline rip-rap being put in later this summer. The DNR Kids for Trees Event resulted with 27 trees planted and

7 trees got back ordered. The project was a \$2,000 grant from the DNR.

The Rockford FFA was also involved. May 4 will be the Ikes Tree Planting Project at Ackley Creek Park. They will donate and plant sugar maples, serviceberries, and red and burr oaks. The tractor that was ordered through Swartzrock Implement is a New Holland T 4.75. The Staff has been doing spring burnings. There have been Naturalist Programs at the Fossil Prairie Park for the School kids.

New Business: There has been possible vandalism at Juniper Hill Park.

It is the home of rare native Creeping Junipers. They are 70% gone because they were burned. The fire department came to put out the fire.

The Board then addressed the issue of allowing RV camping at Tosanak.

There was a lot of discussion while the Board went to the most likely site just southeast of the Director's Lodge. There is close availability for electric and water service. Jay said there are high fees in Minnesota, so a lot of campers come to north Iowa. There could be more cabins rented if RVs were allowed in to the area.

The road that already exists could be adjusted to accommodate access, without having to drive a long way through the campground on winding roads. A lot of RVs at the site would require a septic and a leach field with a dump station. The present shower house at Staudt Hollow could not handle the load. Ann made a motion that we put gravel stations for 2 or 3 RVs by the 2016 summer. The motion died with no second. Adam will look into the cost of adding the electric and septic and gravel for a larger RV park area.

Old Business: There will be 2 Conservation Aides this year starting in May. Nathan Mead has been with Floyd County last year, and brings a lot of experience. New this year is Zora Fisher. The new Natural Resource Manager is Tyron Steere, who will start his duties on May 16.

There was discussion about having a meeting and including Jim Davis. Jim wants to raise money for a new cabin or two to be built on one of the river overlook sites. He wants a brochure prepared that would promote this idea. Tyler said there are two sites, the old "Gold Rush" and "Ranch". We will plan to meet at Tosanak in June with Jim at our next Board meeting. Jay moved that we create a committee with Jim Davis as Chairman. Joel seconded and it was approved. It could be possible to include the sewer and water and electrical with the RV site bid.

Pam Folz has announced that she is resigning from the Floyd County Conservation Board. Ann will get application forms and get them to the 3 prospective ideas for members. It is hoped that a woman can replace Pam.

The next meeting is June 7 at Tosanak at 5:30. The meeting adjourned at 6:22.

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary

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