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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board June 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:18 pm at the Tosanak Recreation Area Director's Lodge. Present were Board members Dirk, Joel Cannon, Jay Jung, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Supervisor Roy Schwickerath, Citizen Jim Davis, Director Adam Sears, Resident Ranger Tyler Walker, and Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and Ann seconded. It was accepted after Ann commented that the minutes were cut short in the email. The correction will be sent to Adam. Ann then made a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Joel seconded. The agenda was accepted.

Roy gave the Supervisors report. He said we need to post the minutes of our meetings on the Floyd County website. He reported that Pam Folz gave the Supervisors an official resignation. There were 2 applications for her replacement. One was from Jaycie Garden, and the other from Beverly Fisher. Fisher was chosen based on her residence as Marble Rock, and the Board needs representation from the western side of the county. This is also the end of the budget year.

Ann gave the Fossil Prairie Foundation report. They tried to have an official meeting, but there was not a quorum present. There was discussion about the calendar of events that the FPF will have as part of their fund raising. Next year's FPF Banquet is set for March 11, 2017, at Gilbert's Sale Yard. There will be Hunter Education the last part of August. The JT Run is in July, and it will be entirely in the Fossil Prairie Park. September 10 is the FPF Fun Run and Movie night. Tosanak Recreation Area will host multiple families, 2 graduation parties, The Iowa Association of Naturalists, and 2 summer camps.

Adam gave the Director's Report. The large tree planting at Ackley Creek is looking alive. The Juniper Hill arson site is starting to show regrowth. The new Handbook changes will be at the next meeting for the Board to accept or reject. Tyler drove the new New Holloand tractor back to Tosanak from Swartzrock Implement. The fencing is done at the Gill White Conservation Area.

New Business: Adam introduced the new Natural Resource Manager to the Board, Tyron Steere. The new interns were not present. Nathan Mead has been an intern last year, and he is an intern again this year. We also have Zora Fisher as an intern.

RV Camping at Tosanak Recreation Area was then discussed. 2 plumbers and 2 electricians have weighed in with some dollar amounts that will be needed. The

area that is best suited for RV access can accommodate 27 pads with 17 posts, 2 RVs to a post. One trench will cost \$9,500 and electrical mains \$27,000. There needs to be a kiosk to add power later for a shower house. So far there are no sewer facilities costs added in. Joel made a motion to table the discussion until our next meeting.

Ann seconded, and the motion passed.

Citizen Jim Davis then brought up the idea of adding a modern cabin with complete facilities to be built on a scenic site overlooking the Shellrock River. He handed out pictures of possibilities, such as prefab cabins from Menard's. Such kits range from \$12,000 to \$100,000. Additional costs will be for foundation, plumbing, and electrical. Jim brought up the survey of October, 2013 that said updated lodging would enhance the use of TRA. He said we need to consider what the TRA will look like in 10 years. Our facility is already a treasure in Floyd County, and it needs to have many people using it. Jay then said the first project should be the one that brings in funding to help pay for the next one. Jim said that some fund raising would be done in Floyd County, and then matching grants would be researched. Coordination and communication with the Fossil Prairie Foundation will be the most important issue going forward with this fundraising and project. Adam will set a date for a coordination meeting with the 2 Boards.

Our next meeting is set for July 5, 2016 at the Fossil Prairie Center at 5:00 pm.

Ann made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, secretary

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____