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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board August 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm , August 2, at the Fossil Prairie Park Center by President Dirk Uetz. Also present were board members Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, Jay Jung, and Ann Schneckloth, Supervisor Roy Schwickerath, Director Adam Sears, Naturalist Heidi Reams, Resident Ranger Tyler Walker, Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere, and Intern Nate Mead. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and Beverly seconded. It was approved. Ann made a motion to accept the meeting agenda, and Joel seconded. It was approved.

Roy gave the supervisors Report. There were no questions for him.

Ann said that there were no minutes for the Fossil Prairie Foundation meeting, and Heidi said that was because they did not have a quorum. Their next scheduled meeting is for August 29.

Adam gave the Directors Report. The J T Run was a success with at least 300 participants on July 16. The Run had to be entirely in the Fossil Prairie Park, so the trails were adapted and it went smoothly. The Burn list for 2017 has been worked out with 17 burns scheduled. The invasives are going to be watched closely. The Tosanak Recreation Area bank stabilization project was complete, but there will be a new section added. A 12 foot by 21 foot section of concrete will be added, so it will look like the Idlewild boat area. The water level fluctuates, so this will help. They will pour concrete Friday. The exit road has had 10 loads of rock added, so it no longer is a mud slick. The Fisher Family has had their memorial bench put in by the Kilns. It is dedicated to Marilyn Fisher.

The Juniper Hill prairie is doing well, with the junipers making a comeback. Cages have been added to the tree plantings, and they have not had to be watered this summer. The Staff is starting to paint the exterior of the Trowbridge shop near Charles City. Painting has been done at the TRA Red Tail shelter, Leopold Lodge, and Kingfisher shelter. The fall conference of the Iowa Prairie Network is Saturday, as advertised in the Charles City Press. The Staff will host Hunter Education on the 25th and 27th of August. The Board Tour has been requested again, so the staff will look into a good date in either September or October. Last year 12 sites were visited.

New Business: The FCCB policy was discussed for the Gil White conservation area. Gil's intentions were for youth only hunting. If we allowed youth with mentors at any time, there would be complaints. There is a tentative youth only dove hunt scheduled for September 17.

There needs to be clear signage indicating it is a Wildlife Refuge. Jay moved to approve the policy stating that This area was gifted for the protection of conservation habitats through good land management and the creation of an area for youth to be introduced to hunting. The Area is a wildlife preserve with the exception of youth hunting only during FCCB organized events. All State of Iowa Game Laws apply during organized events. Ann seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Old Business: The Kilns and River access from the Kiln Area was discussed. The concrete slab that was there is in pretty good shape.

Guests will be able to drive down the service road to the concrete slab that will have a split rail fence and boulders protecting the one drop off side. People will be able to go there, park, and see the kilns from the parking area. It was noted that it is a nice float from there down to the TRA.

The cabins are still in the idea stage. Adam met with 2 Construction representatives, Larsen, and Johnson Construction. He will meet with Young Construction tomorrow. They are all being given the same blueprints. Bruce Bergland has agreed to be on an advisory committee with FCCB representatives, as well as FPF for the cabin construction.

The RV Campground is also in the idea stage, and Perry Novak came in with his estimate for electricity to the 27 sites. It would feed the Kiosk, and in ground materials for \$27,000. Each site would share a pedestal for electricity. There would need to be at least 8 loads of gravel to make the sites plus the road at \$10,000. The plumbing estimates are not complete, but the hookup for just water is \$9,500. The size of the leach field is still undetermined. It was suggested we try for many grants and start with the building of the leach field.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the FP Center. Dirk made a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 5:47 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, secretary.