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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board, November 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Dirk Uetz at the Fossil Prairie Center Conference Room. Present were Board members Dirk Uetz, Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, Jay Jung, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Director Adam Sears, Naturalist Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere, Resident Ranger Tyler Walker, and Supervisor Roy Schwickerath. Joel made a motion to accept the consent agenda, consisting of October minutes, staff reports, and claims & bills. Beverly seconded. The consent agenda was approved. Ann made a motion to accept the meeting agenda, and Joel seconded. The agenda was approved.

Ann gave the Fossil Prairie Foundation report. There will be a meeting sometime in November to discuss the 2017 Banquet.

Roy gave the Supervisors report. He said the policy of prohibiting weapons in the Floyd County Courthouse was discussed. He then asked if we had any policies in place for weapons. Presently there is no posted signage in the Courthouse. At this time, our policy is to not allow weapons in our public places.

Joel gave the Cabin Committee report. Jon Schneckloth, Bruce Bergland, and Joel were at the last meeting. Their idea was to partner with the FP Foundation to cover the costs of one or two cabins. They have researched Menards kits and will do more research on the Wick Homes possibilities. The proposed site is west of the Swimming pool at Tosanak Recreation Area. The committee wants to come up with a specific plan before presenting it to the FP Foundation. Tyler will be looking at other counties to see their general plans and options.

Adam gave the Directors Report. The Midway Bridge Access Ramp project is going to be discussed at a mid November meeting in Floyd County. Our annual REAP funding is down from previous years, at \$14,957. The firebreaks on County properties are finished and ready for the spring burning season. The edge of the Nagle Wildlife Area is mowed, and the snowmobile organization has posted signs so they know where to use the trail we have designated. Last year the snowmobilers did obey the rules for the most part. October 15 was the Trees For Kids day at Colwell Park. Two local Scout troops participated, which gave a lot of kids opportunities to see what good is done in our parks. The native fall seeding has been done. Progress is made on improving the hiking trails in many of the parks. We have a new trailer from Truck Specialties to haul our tractors. Our New Holland tractor will be used at many parks.

There are 85 people coming to the Iowa Naturalists Association meeting this week, Thursday and Friday, at TRA. There are people staying in 4 of the cabins there. The learning Center will serve lunches catered by Dave's Restaurant from Charles City. It was noted that there are now 5 cabins that have new steel roofs. There will be kayaking on the Winnebago River hosted by Darrell Siefkin from Crawdaddy's in Waverly. Tyler said he will take pictures, which we hope will be used in the Charles City Press. The Fossil Prairie Center is now closed for the Season.

New Business: The Iowa State University website was used as a guide for determining the Ag lease operators fees. The low quality was \$217, but we have been charging \$200 per acre. Jay made a motion to keep the fee at \$200 per acre, and the motion passed. There are 80 acres that are up for contracts. The CRP agreement has been 50/50 split of money received between the operator and Floyd County. Joel made a motion to change it to 70/30, Floyd County/operator, and Ann seconded. The motion passed.

Adam then referred us to the map, sent to us online of the Ed Harris property, about 45 acres. Ed has not given us any amount of money that he is thinking of to purchase it. Adam said we could wait for a REAP Grant. The property is along the trail that connects Rockford to the Fossil Prairie Park. It would be a nice addition to the scenic part of that park.

Old Business: Recent storms and flooding have done damage to seters Landing and TRA. We are waiting for the declaration of official disaster area, then we can use equipment, and state the hours of work to apply to FEMA.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 5:00 pm, at the Fossil Prairie Center.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary

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