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**Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board February 6, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:00 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center, Rockford, Iowa. Present were Board members Dirk Uetz, Cala McGregor, Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Director Adam Sears, Resident Ranger Tyler Walters, and Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere. There were no citizens. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and Beverly seconded. It was approved. Cala mentioned the agenda list of Board members still had the name of Jay Jung instead of Cala's and Adam said he would change it for the next meeting. After that correction, Beverly made a motion to accept the Meeting Agenda, and Cala seconded. The Meeting agenda was approved.

There was no Supervisors report.

Ann gave the Fossil/Prairie Liaison report. There are 3 separate CDs of \$16,000 each at the First security Bank in Charles City. A \$2,000 grant from the Floyd Community Foundation was given for the new indoor display at the FP Center. The Cabin Committee reported that the fund was at \$49,000 and grants were pending. The Annual Spring Celebration Banquet will be March 10, 2018, with Professor Jim Pease as speaker. There will be several raffles and games. This is the 20th annual Banquet, so ideas were asked for to make this one special. The event will be held at Gilbert's Sale Yard with Dave's Restaurant catering smoked pork chops. A thank you letter was received from Project Aware for the pie and ice cream that was served at Idlewild Park by the F/P Foundation and the Floyd County Conservation Board. The F/P Foundation will donate \$1,280 for the planting of prairie grass mix at Tosanak Recreation Area. Their next meeting is February 26, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the F/P Center.

Joel gave the Cabin Committee report. He said the grant from the John Hanson Family Foundation was \$5,000, and the Kinney Lindstrom foundation grant was \$12,000. An article with pictures of Adam and Joel will appear in the Charles City Press. They now have \$49,000 in the bank. Joel said they are working on a couple more grants. They will have a table with brochures and information about the cabin at the Banquet on March 10.

Adam gave the Directors report. The wood duck houses had a 65% success and the goose nesting structures had 3 out of 8 used last summer. There is a new floor in the live animal room, and in the office area. The Office Assistant position was not funded for Amy to be full time, since the Supervisors put on a hiring freeze. The Cross Country ski season may be here, so Heidi is going to try for a February 11 Sweetheart Stroll at Tosanak. The fish habitat with recycled Christmas trees is ready. They have put the trees with cinder blocks on the ice, and they will sink in the spring for egg laying and hiding spots for fish. Winterink Woods has had clearing work done and is ready for a second goat graze this summer. The entrance to Tosanak has been cleaned up from a wind storm. Amy and Heidi have been cleaning old files. The Spring Celebration Banquet is the 20th anniversary and will feature Plinko games and colorful decorations. Heidi has received an Outstanding Naturalist for 2017 Award.

New Business: The 2018 Floyd County campground rates need to be adjusted. Ackley Creek should be \$20, and primitive camping such as at Idlewild and Colwell should be raised to \$10 with deposit boxes there. The south end of Colwell Park has been cleaned up with more river access. Beverly moved, and Cala seconded that the prices be raised to suggested levels. The motion was approved. Adam noted that the Floyd County Conservation has been in existence for 60 years. Wayne Meyer was the first Director. He would be open to ideas for what to do to celebrate. He said we should keep it separate from the Spring Field Day at Tosanak.

Old Business: Adam said that he contacted Atlas Enterprise for the cost of moving the farm house that we had discussed in the prior meeting. The cost for just moving it would be \$16,000 to \$18,000. Then the house would have to be modified and a foundation constructed. Joel moved that we do not pursue the idea any further, and Beverly seconded it. The motion was approved. The skid loader was discussed. Adam handed out a schedule for leasing and renting options. We may be able to fund the weekend use for areas that need serious work. Adam said they will work on the budget for funding the skid loader. The next discussion was about the Tosanak acres that were farmable, but no operators have come forward. It has been decided to seed it to native planting. Pheasants Forever, Fossil/Prairie Foundation, and Floyd County Ikes have donated the money to buy seed and it will be planted March 16. A sign will be made listing the donors for the planting.

The next meeting will be March 6, 5:00 pm, at the Fossil Prairie Center. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

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Dirk Uetz, President

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Ann Schneckloth, Secretary