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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board meeting, February 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:00 at the Fossil/Prairie Center. Present were Board members Beverly Fisher, Dirk, Joel Cannon, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Heidi Reams, Naturalist Educator, Tyler Walker, Resident Ranger, Tyron Steere, Natural Resource Manager, and Adam Sears, Director. Beverly made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Joel seconded, and it was approved. Ann Made a motion to accept the Meeting Agenda, Beverly seconded, and it was approved.

There was no Supervisors Report.

Ann reported on the January meeting of the Fossil/Prairie Foundation meeting. The Banquet is scheduled for March 11, 2017 at the Gilbert Sale Yard. First security Bank has paid for 2 shows that day, a program of raptors. There will be a live hawk and another raptor. Dave's Restaurant will serve smothered chicken. A number of grants have been applied for. The Community Foundation Grant allowed the purchase of more cross country skis for kids, the Trees Forever allowed the purchase of trees for Idlewild Park. Money for the purchase of candy filled eggs was passed, so that 1,000 eggs can be hidden for the annual Easter egg hunt. \$200 will be provided by the FP Foundation to provide pie and ice cream for the Cedar River clean up in July. The Foundation gave approval for pursuing a bid to create a summer kitchen at Staudt Hollow. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2017.

Joel reported on the Cabin Committee meetings. The sales representative met with the committee and Tyler and Adam at the proposed site at Tosanak Recreation Area. The design will have to be changed a little to meet the ADA guidelines. He said the Federal Regulations are 228 pages long. The one bathroom with a shower has to meet these guidelines. It was discussed how to run the financing. Bruce Bergland checked with the Northeast Iowa Foundation, and proposed they do the administration work. The committee will meet again on February 28 to prepare a presentation for the Banquet showing funds needed and pictures of the proposed cabin.

Adam gave the Directors Report. He said the Gates Bridge mitigation is nearly wrapped up with FEMA. It may get downsized and be just rip

rap added. The Darling Cabin has new floor, vanity in restroom, and fresh paint. They have been cutting brush along the river to the kilns trail, and have used the City of Rockford's chipper. The Dead trees at Idlewild have been cleared to make way for new trees. Heidi has painted plant silhouettes in the entrance area of the FP Center. Trail grooming was done at 3 sites; Wildwood golf course, Tosanak Recreation Area, and the FP Center. The new skis were put to good use with 15 kids trying them out last weekend. The Bird Bottle feeders workshop had 17 people show up. Three staff attended Winterfest, which is 3 days of Conservation ideas and education. The staff has begun to check wood duck nesting boxes. The Community Foundation did get us the grant for \$4,000 for trees at Idlewild. The Trees For Kids grant will give us 15 trees for planting at Rotary Park.

New Business: The Cell Phone Policy was created at the request of the Auditor's office. Each department must make its own policy. Beverly made a motion that we accept the policy as it is written, and Joel seconded. It was approved.

Project AWARE: The Cedar River Cleanup will encompass Seters Landing, Idlewild lunch stop, Rotary Park check point, and get out at the Court House. The volunteers will camp at the IC School grounds. There are many recycling connections, like Bridgestone Tires, so there will be available check points to unload canoes with debris collected. March 7 there will be a committee meeting about the cleanup coordinating.

Old Business: Adam will attend a meeting with the auditor and Supervisors about our growing budget.

Midway Bridge: The DNR and Army Corps of Engineers will issue permits in April. Hopefully the construction will begin soon after, and the ramp will be usable by the AWARE people. The rules of construction say they have to watch for endangered species and try to work during low water.

The next meeting of the FCCB will be March 7 at the Fossil Prairie Center at 5:00 pm. Joel made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

President

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