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**Minutes of the Public Meeting for the Wendland Woods Management Program - March 4, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by the Floyd County Conservation Director Adam Sears at 6:00 pm at the Zastrow room of the Charles City Public Library. The following people were in attendance: Adam Sears, Joel Cannon, Greg Heidebrink, Dennis Westegard, Larry Hibbs, Tyron Steere, Tyler Walters, Beverly Fisher, Larry Hicok, Jon and Ann Schneckloth, Bruce Bergland, Dave Van Waus, Wayne McClintock, Dirk Uetz, Doug Kamm, Susan LeMaster, Larry Hibbs, Douglas Johnson, Rodney Stewart, Cala McGregor, Bill Mead, Wayne Meyer, John Fox, Gerald Meyer, Dennis Herrick, Roy Schwickerath, Shawn Jenkins. Greg Heidebrink, the District Forester for this area, was present to explain the process of the Management Program. The meeting would be open for discussion following the presentation and each person would be given 3 minutes to speak.

Greg gave his presentation with a power point display. The woods are always changing, and there was a diagram of how forest succession works. He explained even age management and mixed age management. There had been a harvest in Wentlands Woods in 1983, and selective harvesting was done. From this harvested area there will be a crop tree release and some selective harvesting. The trees sold from this harvest will be the revenue to complete tree planting in this site. Greg will personally mark the trees for sale with blue lines and this sale will be let for sealed bids. The contract will be signed and payment made before any chain saw work is done. This will be in the west section by the road. After 15 years another section can be done the same way. Wentlands Woods is a high use area, so some of the revenue can also be used for upkeep. After the trees have been marked, it could be 18 months before actual cutting. There were several plans for 7 other areas. Greg also suggested that we continue to communicate with the public and have a meeting at the woods.

The meeting was then open for discussion. Many thoughts were put forward, but there were no objections stated.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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