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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board March 6, 2018.

President Dirk Uetz called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the Fossil/Prairie Center near Rockford, Iowa. Present were board members Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, Ann Schneckloth, and Dirk Uetz. Also present were Director Adam Sears, Resident Ranger Tyler Walters, Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere, Office Assistant Amy Leaman, and Naturalist Heidi Reams. Joel made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, Beverly seconded, and they were approved. Ann made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda, Beverly seconded, and it was approved.

There was no Supervisors Report.

Ann gave the Fossil Prairie Foundation report. Their main focus of the February 26 meeting was the Fossil Prairie Banquet coming up on March 10. They are receiving donations for the program and auction items. Dr. Jim Pease, a retired professor from Iowa State University is the speaker on "Rivers". He will be paid \$500. The FP Foundation will purchase a kayak and a copper top bird feeder. DeeAnn Ewen will be making the table decorations. Joel Cannon will be giving a short talk about the Cabin fund raising, and there will be a table with flyers and signs for this project. The FFA from Rockford Senior High will do the dinner serving. The dinner will be catered by Dave's Restaurant. Jon Schneckloth is purchasing the wine and beer. Heidi is gathering silent auction items and other donations.

Joel gave the Cabin Committee report. A new donation was received, the Kyle Family of Greene gave a grant of \$2,500. The Hanson grant and the Kinney Lindstrom grant press release will appear in the Rockford paper soon. Jon's signs will be seen at the Banquet on March 10. Joel will be available at the Banquet to answer questions. Kamm Excavation has donated \$10,000 worth of work time. One grant has been recently been submitted.

Adam gave the Directors report. With the 4 wood duck houses donated by the Floyd County Ikes, 9 houses have been put out in the quarry area of the Fossil Prairie Park, and at Nagle Wildlife Area. The Rockford Marble Rock Shop Teacher has helped the students build 12 picnic tables for Floyd County Parks. There has been logging work at Ackley Creek Campground so that trees of good quality can be planted there with a Trees Forever grant. The cottonwoods have been cleaned out by the kilns, so the area can be developed for visitors. Amy and Heidi have been painting the viewing areas up-stairs in the FP Center so the new oak tree display can be put together there. It will take about a month to complete. A water control structure will be installed at the FP Park, so the water in the wetland area can be deepened for the people who like to fish there. An Americorps grant has been submitted so that a team of 6 to 8 people can do trail clean up at Tosanak Recreation Area. Over the winter, many cabins and lodges have been rented at TRA. 2 new roofs have been 90% completed at the Rec Building and Red Tail shelter at TRA. A Silos and Smokestacks Intern Social grant has been applied for that will pay for a Brick and Tile record update and filing system. There has been one application for 2018 summer seasonal interns as Conservation Aide. Adam has just returned from a Weed Commissioners meeting in Ames. This year the TRA Open House will be called Outdoor Family Fair. Invitations have been sent to 10 groups to do "hands on" activities. There will also be a 5K run and food, and tram rides. The E-Commerce plan may be instituted in late summer or next year. Adam has visited with the Floyd County Treasurer, Frank Rottinghaus to get set up with a bank. Heidi reported that ticket sales for the March 10 Banquet are down, but there still could be room for late arrivals.

Our next FCCB meeting will end by 6:00 pm and the discussion with the Supervisors will begin. The plan is for discussion on the newly proposed Law Enforcement Center.

There was no New Business.

Old Business: Adam passed around papers with information on skid loaders and options on purchasing and leasing from Ziegler Cat Company. The skid loader would be equipped with a brush cleaning head. Prices were discussed, and leasing was expensive at \$7,000 a month. The Staff used one for several days at the FP Park and it was decided that it will be a necessary tool for next year. Next a discussion was held to think of ideas for possibly celebrating a 60th Anniversary for the founding of Floyd County Conservation. A dinner could be held at the FP Center, or a catered event at the kilns. There will be a Tumilson Run event in July that is well attended, and something could be done then. Wayne Meyer was the original Director, so he should be contacted. Possibly a list of old Board members could be used to get ideas.

Our next meeting will be April 3, 5:00 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

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Dirk Uetz, President

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Ann Schneckloth, Secretary.