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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board March 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Dirk Uetz at the Fossil Prairie Center in Rockford, IA. Present were Board members Dirk, Beverly Fisher, Joel Cannon, Jay Jung, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Resident Ranger Tyler Walters, Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere, Supervisor Doug Kamm, Director Adam Sears, and Naturalist, Heidi Reams. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and Jay seconded. Jay made a motion to accept the meeting agenda, and Joel seconded. Both agendas were approved.

Supervisor Doug Kamm reported that most of their meetings have been about working on the Budget.

Ann reported on the Fossil Prairie Foundation Board meeting. They are busy getting ready for the Annual Banquet which will be on Saturday, March 11th, at the Gilbert Sale Yard building, just north of Floyd, IA. There will be a Power Point on the Conservation projects for the year, and a talk about the proposed cabin at Tosanak Recreation Area. The Foundation will also host an Easter Egg Hunt at the FPC. The Foundation has approved \$10,000 for a kitchen to be constructed at the Staudt Hollow area at TRA. July 13th they will have pie and ice cream at Idlewild for the Project Aware river cleanup crew.

Joel gave the cabin committee report. The Committee has settled on a design with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. It will be a log cabin look with vinyl siding. The issues with ADA handicap accessibility will be decided on. The Northeast Iowa Community Foundation will be hired to keep track of all funding, such as donors and taxes, for a 2% fee. They will also do marketing. This will be covered at the talk given at the Banquet.

Adam gave the Directors report. The winter project of cutting brush along the Fossil/Prairie Trail is done. The summer intern job is still open. So far there is 1 applicant. The Staff and Director have attended meetings for job enhancement. Adam attended a Directors meeting put on by the IACCB to give more voice in North IA. it was noted that the IWill funding still has not been put into place. The Staff went to the Winnebago presentation for grants, and the annual Weed Conference. The Staudt Hollow kitchen project is waiting for word from Johnson Construction for a dollar amount. Camping with RVs at TRA is being revamped, with 4 camp pads planned for the old Staff

Staff Row area. There are plug ins for electricity already there, and gravel will be put down for summer camping in 2017. 2 events are planned already. The Banquet is March 11th, and the TRA Spring Open House is May 6th. The TRA Open House will feature a 5K run, a scavenger hunt, and a talk by Meredith Borchardt to coordinate with the Pollinator theme. RAGBRAI will be going on the road by the FP Center. All Board members should be participating in these events. There will be 6 picnic tables donated by the FPF and the Ikes will donate 5 informational kiosks. Adam handed out a paper report about the Wood duck and Goose nesting boxes. Some of them had been vandalized, but many were still usable.

New Business: Adam is getting bids for an asphalt driveway for the FPC. It would be good to have it done in time for the July day of RAGBRAI. A new vehicle is needed to replace the old 3/4 ton truck. It is pretty beat up from the snowplowing over the many years. Adam has been using the State Bid sheets for a guide. So far, Karl Chevrolet has given the best price. Adam has worked with Cerro Gordo County to borrow their equipment to give Tram rides on the May 6th Open House day at TRA.

Old Business: Adam has met with the Board of Supervisors. Part of the Budget plan was to lower the Summer Intern salary to \$9,600. The grant has been included in the revenue.

The next meeting will be April 4th at 5:00 p.m. at the FPC. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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