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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board April 9, 2018

The meeting of the FCCB was called to order at 5:02pm by Vice-President Joel Cannon at the Fossil & Prairie Center in Rockford. Present were Board Members Beverly Fisher, Joel Cannon and Cala McGregor. Also present were Director, Adam Sears, Natural Resource Manger, Tyler Walters, and Supervisor Doug Kamm. There were no citizens. Beverly made a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Cala seconded, and it passed.

Supervisor Report: Kamm said that he has been in communication with Adam several times in regards to the lawn mower replacements. Adam is scheduled to attend a workshop with the Supervisors on April 23rd. The new law enforcement center and courthouse upgrades have taken the headlights.

Foundation Report: Adam gave the Foundation report since Ann was not present. At the last foundation meeting it was agreed that the foundation would give the remaining \$2,300.00 for the oak tree display if needed, pending a grant that could cover the cost. Adam asked for \$1,350 to purchase security boxes for our campgrounds and the Board said yes. The last meeting was primarily a banquet report. Numbers were down but prices on items went higher this year.

Cabin Committee Report: Joel talked about his table at the banquet and he was able to discuss the cabin with several people interested. The in kind donation from Mills Helmers and Kamm Excavating towards the cabin were mentioned. Joel also talked about grants that we will be applying for with First Security Bank Foundation being the next. Currently we have four grants submitted and we are just waiting for a yes or no on them.

Director's Report: Snow removal has set the department back a few days. The wetland water control structure has been installed and staff has been watching it fill up. There will be a fish stocking on April 18th with bass and crappie added to the East end of the quarry. This area was stocked with catfish by the DNR in the past and some fish will be used in the aquarium as an educational resource.

The roofs at the Tosanak Recreation Area have been completed and the Rec center is progressing nicely. The lounge area has been paneled and flooring installed. All the steel posts have been removed from around the pool. Waiting on a concrete estimate to proceed with the project. RRMR shop class has constructed 12 picnic tables for the Conservation Department with 8 tables placed at Colwell and 4 were placed at Rotary Park. Two large tree planting projects will be taking place this spring, one will be at the Fossil & Prairie Park and one will be at Ackley Creek Park. Loggers have been busy at the Fossil & Prairie Park and the project is now complete. Staff has started the follow up work of cutting and piling the tree tops. Work continues on the Oak Tree in the west wing and should be completed soon. Adam was notified that Floyd County Conservation did not receive the Silos intern grant. The Outdoor Family Fair will be held on May 5th. Cala, Beverly, and Joel will provide bars for the free will donation meal. Adam requested all FCCB members check their calendars and volunteer if they can. There will be a 5k run on September 8th at the Fossil & Prairie Park. The event is short staffed and volunteers are needed. Adam reported that the Conservation Aide position closed and three individuals were interviewed. Adam did not hire for the position. The native seeding project at TRA has been completed. This was a collaborative effort between three parties.

New Business: Adam has visited with Supervisor Kamm in regards to the zero turn mowers the department currently uses. Staff has gone through the mowers during winter maintenance and have realized that two of the mowers have major issues beyond staff's ability to repair. All three mowers have been taken in for a trade in value. Adam will meet with the Supervisor's and present the information obtained on different models and pricing options. Adam will also be requesting a budget amendment some time in May. A motion was made by Joel to ask the Supervisors for \$12,000 for a budget amendment to be used for the purchase of new mowers. Second by Beverly and the motion passed. Adam reported to the Board the recent increase in inquires for the lower level at the Fossil & Prairie Center for private gatherings. He asked the Board to develop a policy that allows for specific groups to use the lower level and sets restrictions on use and hours. Other area community center rates were discussed. The FCCB decided for staff to develop a policy on the lower level. It was recommended to have a deposit and keep rentals times within business hours. FCC has received a grant for an AmeriCorps crew to work on tree clean up and trail development at the Tosanak Recreation Area. A crew consists of 6-8 individuals and they will be housed at Staudt Hollow for their stay. Staff will meet with the crew leader next Wednesday to review the project plans.

Old Business: Adam has provided a timeline via email outlining the past 60 years of Floyd County Conservation. It was asked that the Board note any corrections needed. Adam has contact Cedar River Signs to purchase a new banner. Adam is hoping to have it done for the Outdoor Family Fair event. Cala brought some CRP maps and contracts to share with the group. Al four contracts that are coming out of CRP enrollment in 2018. We decided that anything currently in CRP and will be coming out of CRP would likely be put on a list for reenrollment.

Next meeting will be held on May 1st at 5:00 pm at the Fossil & Prairie Center. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

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Joel Cannon-Vice President

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Adam Sears-Secretary