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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board May 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center in Rockford, Iowa by Vice President Joel Cannon. Board members present were Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, Cala McGregor, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Director Adam Sears, Naturalist Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere, Resident Ranger Tyler Walters, and Supervisor Doug Kamm. Beverly moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Cala seconded, and it passed. Ann moved to accept the Meeting Agenda, Beverly seconded, and it passed.

There was no Fossil Prairie Foundation report because they have not had a meeting.

Joel gave the Cabin committee report. There have been private donations of \$600 and \$500, and a few smaller amounts also given. A fifth grant has been submitted.

Adam gave the Directors report. They are continuing to monitor the wetland at the Fossil Prairie Park. On the east side of the park, there has been fish stocked with perch, crappie, bluegill, and large mouth bass. At Tosanak Recreation Area the Recreational Building has been worked on. It is the old shower building. The lounge area has new flooring, and the 2 side rooms will have concrete floors where there used to be shower drains. The basketball area will have new concrete. Adam has met with 3 contractors for the concrete job bids. The basketball hoops are ready as well as other tables and equipment. A volleyball net will be set up near the recreation building. The Ackley Creek tree plantings were shown in the Charles City Press with pictures of the Floyd County Ikes and Valero volunteers. They also picked up sticks and logs, and cleaned the shelter buildings there. The Oak Tree Display at the Fossil Prairie Center is awesome. There will be the addition of birds and squirrels to the tree branches. The West Idlewild artesian well has been repaired and now the water flow can be controlled. The cracked water lines at Ackley Creek have been repaired. Today was the official opening of the campgrounds. Last Saturday was the opening of the Fossil Prairie Center, with 12 volunteers showing up. Next Saturday is the Outdoor Family Fair at the Tosanak Recreation Area. The Board is expected to attend, and bring dessert bars. It will be a nice day.

Doug gave the Supervisors report. Today is the voting for the new county jail and courthouse update. The lawn mower is still a need for the county. He said we should try to do our purchasing locally. There are 2 bridges under construction that may be near 2 of our parks, Ackley Creek, and Colwell Park.

New Business: Adam sent us the policy write up for renting the lower level of the Fossil Prairie Center. We read and discussed the policies as written. Ann made a motion to approve it, and Beverly seconded. Doug asked about insurance, and Adam said that we usually don't need that . The policy for renting the lower level was approved.

Old Business: Adam has given the numbers for the new lawn mowers to the Supervisors. Dirk Uetz is investigating what is the best purchase for the county. The Supervisors will decide at their meeting next week.

Heidi and Adam have met with the project coordinator for the Americorp crew that is coming to stay at TRA from May 30 to June 26. Americorp is a group of 18 to 23 year olds from all over the United States that will be working for 1700 scholarship hours. Our TRA work will include cleaning the triangle at the entrance to TRA, doing some hand sawing and some chain sawing. They will be living at Staudt Hollow. They will be included in our next Board meeting on June 5.

Our next meeting will be a potluck supper at the Director's Lodge at Tosanak Recreation Area at 5:00 on June 5, 2018. Cala moved to adjourn at 5:40 pm. Beverly seconded.

Dirk Uetz, President

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary