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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board July 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:01 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center, Rockford, Ia. Board members present were Dirk Uetz, Joel Cannon, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Director Adam Sears, Resident Ranger Tyler Walters, and Supervisor Doug Kamm. There were no citizens. Joel made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, Ann seconded and it was approved. Ann made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda, Joel seconded, and it was approved.

Doug gave the Supervisors report. They are finishing up paperwork and gathering storm damage information. They have discussed parking policy at the County Courthouse.

Ann did not have the minutes to the Fossil Prairie Foundation meeting. Adam had attended, and he gave some highlights of the meeting. The Spring Banquet for 2019 will be held at the new Enrichment Center at the Floyd County Fairgrounds. Movie night was discussed. Money was approved for the volleyball net and the basket balls and additional items needed.

Joel gave the Cabin Committee report. They applied for 2 grants last month, but did not receive money. They will look for more grants to apply for.

Adam gave the Directors report. The camping revenue coming in has been increasing, and this year is up to \$6,000. \$3,000 is from the Tosanak Recreation Area. Campers have been using Idlewild, Ackley Creek, and Colwell Park, making up the other \$3,000.00. He said that Tyler and Tyron have been doing a good job keeping up with the camp grounds without any interns to assist. The Recreational Building is ready with foosball, basketball hoop, ping pong and volleyball nets. Naturalist Heidi Reams has had 2 Day Camps at the F/P Center, and 1 at TRA. The FP Center has had many visitors. The Prairie Plantings have been mowed, 10 acres of pollinator at Happy Acres, and lots of horsetail grass at TRA. Little Cedar will be monitored, as some areas have been under water. The new sprayer has been put to use. It has a fire resistant boom that has good brush removal capabilities. There are 50 goats at Winterink Woods, and 30 at TRA for brush and invasive plant management. The fence is fixed and the goats will stay through August.

New Business: The FCCB appointments are up for review. Dirk will stay on. The discussion turned to who will serve as officers. Dirk agreed to stay on as President, and Ann would keep the secretary's job. Joel agreed to do the Vice President job. Ann made a motion to officially nominate and vote the officers in. Joel seconded, and the motion carried. The new Handbook for County employees was discussed. There was no new rules affecting the Conservation Employees. Joel made a motion to accept the new handbook, Ann seconded, and it was approved. The staff will need to put in their signatures. A budget amendment is needed to close out the fiscal year because of the purchase of the sprayer. Adam talked about the storm damage at the F/P Center. 40 trees came down in the Kiln Area. The roof on the west side of the F/P Center was damaged, and the Pit Toilet, Shelter House, and Shop all had the roof damage. The Log Cabin was a total loss. Morton Buildings came out and sealed up the Shop roof. Repairs are needed for roofs, siding, fascia, and soffit. Do It All, Young Construction, Aesthetic Elements and Morton Buildings put in bids. Ann made a motion to give Adam authority to choose who can do the repairs and decide how the insurance money can be spent. Joel seconded and it carried.

Old Business: The AmeriCorps workers have departed. They did work on the entrance area of TRA and cleaned a lot of brush and unwanted trees. This winter the brush piles can be burned. They also did work to clean up the storm damage at the F/P Park. On Volunteer Day, they did a mile of the trail on the west side of TRA. They also did painting at TRA on rainy days.

Adam then mentioned that the Ed Harris property is still for sale, but it has a new price and the acreage area has been changed. It is property next to the F/P Park. There are 44 acres, 34 tillable, 7 CRP, and 3 on the river. Adam said he will apply for the Fish Habitat Grant in November to come up with \$60,000 of the \$185,000 that is needed for purchase. Pheasants Forever or Turkey Federation, or Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, etc. could also be asked for monetary assistance. Joel made a motion to table the discussion until Adam could do more research.

The next meeting will be August 7, 2018 at the F/P Center at 5:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.

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Dirk Uetz, President

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Ann Schneckloth, Secretary