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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board October 6, 2018

The Board meeting was held on a Saturday morning at Trowbridge Wildlife Area, prior to the Board Tour Workshop. President Dirk Uetz called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Present were Board members Dirk Uetz, Ann Schneckloth, Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, and Cala McGregor. Also present were Resident Ranger Tyler Walters, Naturalist Heidi Reams, Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere, Office Assistant Amy Leaman, Director Adam Sears, and Supervisor Doug Kamm. Beverly made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Joel seconded, and it was approved. Ann made a motion to accept the meeting Agenda, Beverly seconded, and it was approved.

Ann gave a brief report on the Fossil Prairie Foundation board meeting. They did not have a quorum, but there was a secretary's report published. They discussed results of the Fun Run and Movie Night. Also the plans for the Banquet in 2019 was discussed.

Joel reported on the Cabin Committee. They had no meeting last month. The FP Foundation agreed to donate \$16,000 when their CD matures. Joel gave a presentation to the Rockford Lions. A Marble Rock business donated \$150. There will be a press release announcing the \$2,000 from the Farrer Endowment Foundation. Two grants are pending. At this time 87% of the goal for the Cabin has been reached.

Adam gave the Directors Report. The interior of the Directors Lodge a Tosanak Recreation Area is painted, and they are working on the exterior painting. Forty trees have been planted at the Fossil Prairie Park with the help of The Rockford high School Ag class. 30 were planted at the kiln area and 10 at the FP Center. The Recreation Building at TRA is almost done, waiting on the water line to be ready for next years camping season. The fire breaks are ready for fall burning, but the weather has been too wet and burnings may not happen. 80 goats were at TRA until last week. Some of them were moved from Winterink Woods 6 weeks ago. The goat fencing is a lot of work, so there will be rotational grazing in 2019. There have been a lot of groups and visitors at the FP Center. Next week 2 campgrounds will be closing for the season and hunting will begin. Adam will have more information on the vault toilet near the kilns at our next meeting. The Newsletter is ready to go to the printer. Tyler said that the depredation doe only archery hunt at Tosanak has only 3 people signed up. To qualify, the candidates were required to attend Tyler's meeting. The doe tag must be filled before they are allowed to take a buck. It is posted on the Floyd County website, and you must now apply there for the 5 remaining tags.

Doug gave the Supervisors report. The Law Enforcement Center is the main talk of their meetings. The money numbers are still unknown. There will be a published update next Tuesday about the Board of Supervisors decisions.

New Business: Adam will try to arrange an ice fishing day at Rudd Lake on February 2, 2019. He will talk with the Rudd City Council. He will need help that day. All kids will get prizes. A flyer will get put together to publicize it. There will be lunch at the shelter or fire station.

Old Business: The Skid Loader will probably end up as a leasing situation. Adam has been dealing with the Ziegler dealer at Mason City. We can rent it for a month, and do 2 weeks at a time. The forestry head can be used to clean up the goat grazing areas first to rid the areas of returning invasive plants. It is \$11,000 to rent for 2 weeks in November and 2 weeks in December.

The Harris property has changed again. The house and some extra acres have sold. It is now \$164,000 for what we would buy. Dirk said it is still priced too high. We are still going to apply for the REAP grant or ask the Iowa Heritage Foundation to help us. Fred the Real Estate agent wants to visit one of spring meetings to discuss it further.

The next meeting will be November 6 at the Fossil Prairie Center at 5:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am. The Attendees then boarded cars for the Conservation Board Tour Workshop at 10:00 pm. The Parks that were visited were Midway Water Access, Winterink Woods, Little Cedar Wildlife Area, Gilman G White Conservation Area, Trowbridge Wildlife Area, Mink Creek, West Idlewild, Wentland Woods, Colwell Park, and Rotary Park.

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Dirk Uetz, President

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