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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board November 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm at the Fossil Prairie Center by President Dirk Uetz. Board members present were Dirk Uetz, Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, and Ann Schneckloth. Also present were Resident Ranger Tyler Walters, Natural Resource Manager Tyron Steere, Naturalist Heidi Reams, Director Adam Sears, and Supervisor Doug Kamm. Beverly made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Joel seconded, and it was approved. Adam said that the Meeting Agenda needs to be amended to add the item: Gates Bridge Resolution under New Business. Ann made a motion to accept the revised Meeting Agenda, Beverly seconded, and it passed.

Doug gave the Supervisors report. He said today was the election and the Court House was very busy. Also the main discussion for the Board was the Law Enforcement Center and the Budget. He said they looked at pictures of the outside view of the new LEC building and it was a big change from the way it is now.

Ann reported on the Fossil Prairie Foundation. They have not had a meeting in the last month.

Joel gave the cabin committee report. Individuals have been contacted and \$1,100 have been donated. There are currently 2 grants pending.

Adam gave the Directors report. The Board Tour in September was a success. The Skid Steer has been used a lot in Winterink Woods. There has been some stump removal at the campground area of Tosanak Recreation Area. Three dangerous trees were removed at Ackley Creek and more stump grinding is needed there and at TRA. The Fossil Prairie Center is now closed for the season. During winter Heidi will be painting areas in the FPC display. The archery hunt at TRA has been going on with the meeting attendees that Tyler addressed. Six does and a buck have been harvested. Two more steel signs are being made for Ackley Creek and Mink Creek. The fire breaks are ready now at Gil White Conservation Area and Knapp One. Mink Creek has a new culvert, making it easier to do the firebreaks. Heidi's education programs are now being done in the classrooms at school, with 8 visits today. County Treasurer Frank Rottinghaus has called in the County Attorney to look over our E-commerce program and hand it to the Supervisors for their approval. The camp season is over, but there will be some lodges kept open at TRA in the winter season. The hiking trails are cleaned up. The firewood has been brought in for heating both shops. Pella Glass is coming to do the repairs on the FPC building. Winter projects are being lined up.

New Business: Adam brought up the Statement of Resolution for the Gates Bridge Fisheries grant. Joel made a motion to have Dirk sign the grant for the development of a fishing area. Beverly seconded, and the motion carried.

The Vault Toilet Project for the kiln area was then discussed. Two options were looked at, with possibilities for one or two spaces in their plans. Boom Concrete and Huffcutt Concrete supplied information and costs. Adam said we have enough money in our capital Fund to get this done next year. Joel made a motion to build a double floor plan with Boom Concrete. Ann seconded and the motion passed.

Adam then asked us to look at the comparison sheets that showed information on wages and employees in counties surrounding Floyd County. Our county needs an additional field technician to aid in the upkeep of our many park acres. We have been downsizing the Staff, and adding more acres. Living Roadways may be able to do grants for this idea, as well as other grants. Joel made a motion to put this new employee talk into future meetings.

The grant from the Beth Reinhart Foundation was not enough to pay for the new playground equipment at Ackley Creek. We received \$5,000 and \$17,000 to \$20,000 is what is needed. There is no deadline for this job, so we may need to decide what to do with this amount of money. Joel made a motion to table this discussion, Ann seconded, and it carried.

Old Business: The Rudd Ice Fishing Day is scheduled for February 2 of 2019. Rudd is willing to support this event. The Volunteer Fire Department or the Rudd Community development will host lunch at the new facility at Rudd Lake Park. There will be door prizes, raffles, and the lake will be open temporarily for ATV and snowmobile use.

The Harris property was brought up. Fred Greeter from Benchmark AgriBusiness informed Adam that there is \$27,500 drop in price from \$164,000 to \$136,500. We still will not get grant funding at this price, and we are waiting for it to be \$120,000.

The next meeting will be December 4 at the Fossil Prairie center. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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Dirk Uetz, President

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Ann Schneckloth, Secretary.