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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board January 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Joel Cannon at 5:01 p.m. Present were Board Members: Beverly Fisher, Pete Kloberdanz, and Cala McGregor. Also present were: Tyler Walters, Tyron Steer, Amy Leaman, Heidi Reams, and Roy Schwickerath. Cala made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Beverly seconded the motion and motion was carried. Beverly moved to accept the meeting agenda and a second was made by Pete. Motion carried.

Roy Schwickerath, Floyd County Board of Supervisors Liaison reported that the Supervisors are busy with budget presentations. Director Sears has met with the Supervisors and more information will be available when all the numbers have come in.

Beverly Fisher, Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation Liaison reported that there has not been a meeting so there is nothing to report at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2020.

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report.

He has had talked with the NRCS office regarding properties that will become available for CRP. Several properties are being discussed and Sears will keep the Board posted on the progress. The Rudd Ice Fishing Frenzy is quickly approaching. Several have pre-registered, donations for prizes have been coming in, hoping for a great turnout again. The Foundation has recently approved the purchase of 5 fat tire bikes and 2 racks. The bikes will be available for rental at the Fossil & Prairie Park and the Tosanak Recreation Area as a form of recreation during the winter season. Fund raising and contributions helped to fund this project. Robin Macomber is working on another mural in the Fossil & Prairie Center. Progress is moving along and looks great so far. Several taxidermy projects will be added this year as well. Heidi Reams, Naturalist, has been busy in the local schools and is working on a grant for prairie plugs and an intern to help with the recent memorabilia acquired for the Rockford Brick & Tile. Tyron Steer, Natural Resource manager, and Tyler Walters, Ranger have been using the skid steer in several of the parks. The project is done for the year and follow up will begin for what was left behind.

New Business:

Slough Creek Wildlife Wetland Restoration Project is underway. Director Sears has been working closely with the Nature Conservatory for the past year on this project. There is currently a small oxbow approximately 20 x 40 yards that will be expanded to approximately 300 x 200 yards.

Staff is currently busy researching the necessary permits and receiving quotes for the excavation work. A motion was made by Cala to continue to move forward with the Slough Creek Wildlife Wetland Restoration Project, a second was made by Beverly and the motion was carried. Director Sears updated the Board on a potential tree harvest at River Bend. There are 35 Walnut trees that have been identified and marked for a potential harvest. Sears will continue to research the harvest and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Director Sears updated the board on the maple syrup production project at the Tosanak Recreation Area. Bruce Bergland is spear heading the project and handling the fundraising. The costs have increased from the original discussions, however they are still on track to begin production in the spring. The 20/21 budget figures have been turned over to the County Board of Supervisors for consideration. Discussion was held on the two major requests for this budget. Including the Slough Creek and the Gates Bridge projects and the transition of the office assistant from part-time to full-time. Adam will update the Board when budgets have been finalized. Director Sears recently attend the REAP conference as a delegate. REAP still continues to be a debate.

Beverly Fisher addressed the Board regarding the old millstones located at the Tosanak Recreation Area. The Marble Rock Historical society is requesting they be given to the historical society. The Board agreed that would not be an issue and they are to contact Ranger Walters to arrange a time for pick up.

The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Park.

Beverly moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m.