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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board February 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:02 p.m. Present were Board Members: Dirk Uetz, Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, Cala McGregor and Pete Kloberdanz. Also present were: Supervisor, Roy Schwickerath, Tyler Walters, Tyron Steere, Amy Leaman and Bruce Bergland. Beverly made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, and a second was made by Cala. Motion carried. Joel made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by moving the item maple syrup project review/action from Old Business to the first order of business. Second was made by Cala and motion carried. Beverly moved to approve the meeting agenda with the noted changes, second by Pete and motion was carried.

Bruce Bergland gave a power point presentation of the maple syrup operation at the Tosanak Recreation Area. A history of the operation, the educational connection with the Iowa Big North, and the anticipated outcome of the project were all reviewed. It was noted that once the maple syrup season has been completed that the operation will need to be removed from the Leopold Lodge to allow the rental of the facility to resume.

Supervisor Schwickerath reported that budgets are being finalized and an increase in insurance rates are impacting funding. The Conservation budget will be funded with the exception of the staff request increasing the part-time position to a full-time position.

Beverly updated the Board on the Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation activity. They had a presentation on the maple syrup operation. The fat tire bikes have been received and the foundation board is busy working on the banquet in March.

Director Sears gave his report. Staff is working on the Lacey Lodge renovation. The project is near completion. The Rudd Ice Fishing Frenzy was a huge success last weekend with 194 participants and over 30 fish caught. Director Sears reviewed the nature center updates and reminded the Board to check out the new mural, and additional taxidermy. CRP areas were discussed. Cala presented the paperwork to outline the details of the following areas: Rock Creek, Cedar Hills and the Tosanak Recreation Area. Joel made a motion to move forward with these areas and to work with the operators on the leases and explore all the options. A second was made by Pete and the motion was carried.

There was no new business to discuss.

Old business:

The project at Sough Creek is progressing. The Wildlife Wetland Restoration project has been awarded a grant by the Nature Conservancy in the amount of \$29,000.00. A large part of this wetland project is moving the excess sludge to another area. The sludge will then be spread, and planted to food plot once the area has dried. Staff will seed the project when completed. Four bids were received for this project with Kamm Excavating receiving the bid. The final project will present another opportunity for trappers and waterfowl hunters. Discussion was held on the Riverbend tree harvest project. Director Sears met with Forester, Greg Heidebrink in January to review the property. A forestry plan has been received and reviewed for the area. Cala moved to approve the Forestry plan as presented and to move forward to the next step of the process. Second by Joel and motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2020, 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Park. Joel moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Dirk Uetz—President

Amy Leaman—Secretary