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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board March 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Uetz at 5:03 p.m. Present were: Dirk Uetz, Joel Cannon, Beverly Fisher, Cala McGregor. Pete Kloberdanz was absent. Also present: Supervisor Schwickerath, Director Adam Sears, Tyler Walters, Tyron Steere, Heidi Reams and Amy Leaman. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, a second was made by Cala and motion carried. Beverly moved to approve the meeting agenda and a second by Joel. Motion carried.

Supervisor Schwickerath updated the Board on the changes in the County health insurance plan. The Supervisors continue to work on the budget preparing for the hearing. Schwickerath commented on the job well done at Lacey Lodge at the Tosanak Recreation Area.

Beverly Fisher gave the Foundation report. Foundation board is busy working on the upcoming banquet. The Board has reached an agreement for the maple syrup operation and the agreement is being reviewed.

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. The department currently has two openings. The positions of Conservation Aide and Office Assistant will hopefully be filled soon. Lacey Lodge renovation is near completion. Much needed renovation well done. Sears is developing a bike policy and hopes to have a policy in place soon for the recently acquired fat tire bikes. Staff recently attended the District II meeting in Hancock County. Tom Hazeleton, Mycountyparks, talked in depth regarding the Invest in Iowa proposal that is currently on the table. Naturalist Reams has taken advantage of the few snow days and held open cross country skiing. The Floyd Bridge Access is nearing completion. Cleone King has obtained funding for a sign and landscaping to complete the project. A new sign will also be installed at Rock Creek. Staff has been busy clearing brush at the Fossil & Prairie Park and the building and grounds are being prepared for the upcoming field trip season. Bernie recently did a complete overhaul of the building updating the networks, emails, cameras, etc.

New Business: With the resignation of the Office Assistant a new Secretary will need to be appointed to take minutes. Cala McGregor has offered to take on this task until new officers are appointed in July.

Old business: The maple syrup production has begun. Sap is flowing nicely and the volunteers are hoping to have some available for the upcoming banquet. The Naturalist will plan for educational programs next spring.

Discussion was held on the Riverbend Wildlife Tree Harvest. Director Sears has done extensive research on the park to in regards to the preservation of a bird sanctuary. Sears was able to locate minutes stating that the park will be preserved as a bird sanctuary. A harvest proposal was distributed to the members for review. Discussion and review held on the Notice of Timber For Sale. A public hearing will be set for April 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the Zastrow room of the Charles City Public Library.

With no more business to discuss a motion was made by Beverly to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fossil & Prairie Park.

Dirk Uetz—President

Amy Leaman—Secretary