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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board August 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President, Dirk Uetz at 5:10 p.m. Present were Board Members: Dirk Uetz, Beverly Fisher, and Pam Folz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Supervisor, Roy Schwickerath, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Ranger, Tyler Walters. Bev made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Pam seconded the motion and motion was carried. Bev moved to accept the meeting agenda and a second was made by Pam. Motion carried.

Citizens report: Roy Schwickerath brought up the fact that all is functioning well at the Courthouse. He also stated that revenues are affected and that that might lead to limited spending.

Foundation Liaison Report: Bev reported that they had a zoom meeting on July 15th. First they discussed the playground donation. Then they voted on two new Board members. Also, they talked over the 5K run in Sept. and that it will be virtual. Lastly, they discussed the movie night in August.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. Our intern, Noah, is now gone. He did very well and we wish him well at college. There is a new parking area now available at the Lost 40 in Tosanak. We put 4 dump truck loads of pea gravel and plastic borders at the Ackley Creek playground which is now complete. The walking trail bridge at the Fossil & Prairie Park is starting to develop a few problems which we will look into. It has been 5 weeks now with the goats. They are doing a great job! Staff have been busy mowing, and spraying weeds and also spraying Buckthorn at Winterink Woods. The Weed Commissioner has been very busy as well. The salary comparison is coming along, it should be ready for next week's meeting. The kayak float from Nagles to Rockford went well. We had 26 people attend and are planning to do another one August 16th from Tosanak. A huge fossil donation was given to us by the Greenman family. Slough Creek wetland project starts next week. The Gates Bridge project will also start soon. Our Hunters Ed course is completely full with 15 students signed up to attend. There will be a youth deer hunt drawing at Tosanak and the pheasant hunt will be at Gilman White Wildlife Area October 24th. The online information about these hunts will be at the next meeting. The Board tour will be October 17th and we will tour Otter Ridge in the morning. The trails were marked for the annual JT 5K Run.

New Business:

Cala McGregor contacted us regarding the CRP contract expiring. Current rate is \$59/acre and all the money goes to Chuck Knapp. If we want to reenroll we have to remove all trees and shrub, plus planting to native which would be paid by Floyd County Conservation. Also, all of the work would have to be done by this fall. Bev motioned not to reenroll the Knapp 1 Contract. Pam second and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Due to COVID-19 the Center is still closed. Although, the Park is open and in full use. The Park Packs outside the Center are a huge hit with the visitors.

The next meeting will be held September 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. outside at the Fossil & Prairie Center.

Pam moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Bev seconded the motion and the motion carried.