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Minutes of the Floyd County Conservation Board September 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President, Dirk Uetz at 5:00 p.m. Present were Board Members: Dirk Uetz, Beverly Fisher, Pam Folz, Joel Cannon, and Pete Kloberdanz. Also present were: Director, Adam Sears, Supervisor, Roy Schwickerath, Naturalist, Heidi Reams, Ranger, Tyler Walters, Natural Resource Manager, Tyron Steere, and Citizen, Bill Dow. Joel made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Pam seconded the motion and motion was carried. Pete moved to accept the meeting agenda and a second was made by Bev. Motion carried.

Citizens report: Roy Schwickerath mentioned the Cares Act money (\$198,000), and how to utilize it by our department. He also stated that they are working on the 2021-2022 budget and that it will be done soon.

Foundation Liaison Report: Bev reported that the virtual run is going well, the movie night at the Fossil & Prairie Center was a success, and that they are working on the Spring Banquet.

Director's Report:

Adam Sears gave the Director's Report. Hunting season has officially started. A Hunter's Education course was held at the Fossil & Prairie Center August 29th. All went well with 13 students passing. There will be a drawing on September 8th for the Youth and Archery hunts at Tosanak. Ackley Creek bridge needs work done, such as cutting some trees down in order to make it more accessible. The goats have been moved to five different locations at Fossil & Prairie and are now done there. The goats are now doing a good job killing Buckthorn at Tosanak. Kayak floats were done in July and August, and now looking forward to the last one from Tosanak to Marble Rock. The Fishery Habitat project at Gates Bridge is now finished. The October Board Tour planning is going well, however, the Otter Ridge Cabin and Ackley Creek are not available to tour in October. The online reservation system is continuing to work very well.

New Business:

The new Conservation Staff Salary Catch Up was reviewed. The Board brought up the fact that the Natural Resource Manager's salary is low. Joel moved to table until next month. The Annual Reservation Comparison was reviewed as well. Also, there was a \$900 memorial donation for Ed Duroe.

Old Business:

Due to COVID-19 the Center is still closed. Although, the Park is open and in full use. Staff are continuing to arrange appointments, make Park Packs, and take area videos. A public meeting was discussed for the Riverbend forestry plan. This public meeting would require masks and have a capacity 20 people. The location for this meeting is still unsure.

The next meeting will be held October 17th, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at Trowbridge and the Board Tour will follow at 10:00 a.m.

Joel moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. Pam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President

Secretary