

Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
April 11, 2022 5:30 P.M.

Present: Eichenberger; Miller; Rasmussen; Ristau; Young
 Stumme; Wille

Absent:

Guests Present:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ristau.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Naturalist report was submitted by Wille. Projects accomplished included live animal maintenance, attended the board and staff meetings; office recycling; attended Soil and Water meetings, tapped trees and dumped buckets, attended Algona Visionary meeting, attended Foundation meeting, attended Grant award presentation, held two intern interviews, hired summer intern, held 4 weekend open houses at the Sugar Shack: School programs-28 for 569 students; Public programs-5 for 186 people; 15 other student programs for 478 people; JCL event-cancelled due to weather. 20 Facebook posts were put out with 16,304 people reached and 1381 engaged.

Wille requested approval to purchase additional water recreation equipment to go along with a \$3,000 grant received for purchasing canoes and kayaks for water recreation. The amount requested was \$1,136. A motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Eichenberger to approve this request. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the Smith Lake restroom renovation and reviewed new specs. The new information included the addition of a shower and an estimated cost for the project. The board approved the design and specs and requested the Director to take bids on the project for the May meeting.

The board reviewed the park rules for 2022. A motion was made by Young and seconded by Miller to approve the rules as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed a bid for a new tankless water heater for the Smith Lake shower house in the campground. The bid of \$3,124 was submitted by Algona Plumbing and Heating. After discussion, a motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Eichenberger to approve the bid. The motion passed unanimously.

Stumme requested approval to purchase four new tires for the F150 pickup from Smidt Auto & Repair of Titonka at a cost of \$848.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Miller to approve the bid. The motion passed unanimously.

Stumme requested approval for the purchase of approx. 60 tons (four loads) of black fill dirt at Smith Lake to fill in an old volleyball court. The cost of the four loads of dirt from Reutzel Excavation was \$1,500. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the 29 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the May meeting at 5:30 on Monday the 9th.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Eichenberger to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.