

Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
April 7, 2025 5:30 P.M.

Present: Eichenberger; Miller; Ristau
 Beenken; Fosado; Schmidt; Stumme; Wille

Absent: Rasmussen; Young

Guests Present:

Second Vice-Chair Ristau called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was presented by Wille: 5 public programs were given; 20 school programs were given for 421 students, JCL event was tree tapping/shelter building for 8 students, Facebook posts included 16 posts with 12,492 reached and 7,313 engaged. Other accomplishments included attending board and staff meetings, two soil and water meetings, live animal maintenance, curriculum development, NAI Zoom meeting, shack work and syrup pours.

Stumme informed the board the wetland display staff had been to the nature center for final measurements as well as collecting the items from the nature center to be included in the display. The target date for installation is still the end of May.

Stumme informed the board the north fishing dock at Siems Park needed to be removed as it had received ice damage and was a safety hazard. The board was submitted a bid of 1,000 from Reutzel Excavating for removal. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Eichenberger to approve the bid. The motion passed unanimously.

Schmidt informed the board of the renovation of the host site at Siems Park. The site is located west of the modern restroom. Renovation included removing brush and small trees from the area and adding gravel to enlarge the pad. Schmidt requested approval to purchase sod for the west side of the new site at an estimated cost of \$500. The board approved the request.

The board approved of holding the May board meeting on Monday the 12th at 5:30 P.M. at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

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

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