

**Kossuth County Conservation Board**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Water's Edge Nature Center**  
**April 8, 2024 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present:

Prior to the meeting, the KCCB board members and staff toured the building site at the recently donated Schmidt property and also viewed the tools and equipment at that site as well as tools from the site previously moved to the Smith Lake maintenance shop.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was presented by Wille: 5 public programs were given for 228 people; 20 school programs for 487 students were presented and 6 other student programs for 182 students. The JCL event was orienteering with nine attending. Facebook posts included 20 posts with 20,501 reached and 2,296 engaged. Other accomplishments included attending board and staff meetings, curriculum development, live animal maintenance, hauled supplies to the Sugar Shack and worked at the shack.

Discussion was held on the Rod Schmidt donation to the conservation board. Per the warrantee deed and his will, the land as well as the buildings on the property and their contents excluding the house contents became property of the KCCB upon his death. Other assets from his estate would be determined after the estate has gone through probate.

The board reviewed the preliminary plans for the wetland display provided by McCullough Creative. Discussion was held on additional changes and possible features to add to the design. The KCCB staff will be meeting with the McCullough design team via a zoom meeting to discuss these changes later this month.

The board reviewed the two bids submitted for the bioretention cell project at Smith Lake. A motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Eichenberger to accept the low bid from Reutzel Excavating Inc. of \$31,952.45. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the two bids submitted for the Plum Creek Dam boat ramp. A motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Ristau to accept the low bid of \$19,051.80 from Reutzel Excavating Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed bids for a new computer for the Asst Naturalist. A motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Eichenberger to approve the low bid of \$1,804.85 from MacDoctors. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the repair of the roof at the maintenance shop. After reviewing a bid to put a new steel roof over the existing roof, the board requested additional bids and repair options be explored.

The board approved of holding the May board meeting on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the 32 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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