

**Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
Aug 12, 2024 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present: Todd Holmes

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was presented by Wille: 4 public programs were given for 83 people; 7 student programs were given for 75 students. Facebook posts included 17 posts with 16,822 reached and 2028 engaged. Other accomplishments included attending board and staff meetings, curriculum development, live animal maintenance, attended the Foundation meeting, attended a wetland zoom meeting, Phone zoom meeting and NAI zoom meeting. Took hazardous materials to the transfer station.

A motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Eichenberger to go into closed session with County Attorney Todd Holmes per Iowa code 21.5C imminent litigation. The motion passed unanimously. After discussion, a motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Eichenberger to go out of closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

The board was updated on the Schmidt donation. The board was informed the plaque had been placed on the site. The personnel contents in the house had not been disposed of yet.

Discussion was held on the status of the CRP payments as 12 acres had been enrolled on the property. A motion was made by Young and seconded by Eichenberger to name Dave Rike as land manager which would allow payments to continue. The payments would be split among Dave Rike and the KCCB. The motion passed unanimously.

The board was informed the new wetland display design had been shown at a meeting held on July 25th. McCullough Creative had also been on site on July 30th to take measurements of the display area. KCCB staff and the display team are working out the final details of the display.

The board discussed the possible acquisition of 128 acres of land owned by Dick Crail south of Algona. After discussion a motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Eichenberger to offer \$2,500/acre contingent on obtaining grants to assist in the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

The board was informed Sawyer Herrick requested approval to repair the wood shed at the Smith Wildlife Area as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. The design and construction plans would be subject to KCCB staff approval. The board approved of the request.

The board approved of holding the September board meeting on Monday the 9th at 5:30 P.M. at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the 59 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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