Kossuth County Conservation Board Regular Monthly Meeting Water's Edge Nature Center August 10, 2021 5:30 P.M.

Present: Miller: Rasmussen; Ristau Stumme; Wille

Absent: Eichenberger; Young

Guests Present:

Board Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Ristau to approve the July 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, Soil and Water zoom meeting, Soil and Water 5-year planning meeting, meeting with Rodney Davis with Exceptional Opportunities. Youth events-10 programs-118 students; 3 other programs for 49 people; JCL event-None. 13 Facebook posts were put out with 12,021 people reached and 115 engaged.

Discussion was held on the possible hiring of an Exceptional Opportunities Intern for tasks at the nature center. It was decided to not pursue this option.

Discussion was held on the usage of the north shelter at Siems Park. Campers utilizing the nearby sites had been using the shelter as a storage area for their camping equipment on a long-term basis. Discussion was held on possible remedies to the problem. The board suggested adding signage on the shelter and informing the nearby campers of the shelter policy.

The board was informed of the need for a new projector in the meeting room as the current projector was having numerous issues. Several equipment options were discussed to replace the existing projector including a TV or new projector. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ristau to spend up to \$1,200 for the purchase of a new system. KCCB staff would research the equipment options. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the September board meeting on Tuesday the 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the Water's Edge Nature Center. A tour of recent construction projects will be offered following the meeting.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ristau to approve the 37 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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