

**Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
August 8, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present: Bob Tran; Bob Lappe; Bob Smith; Mike Rahe; Scott Grummer

Chairman Ristau called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was submitted by Fosado for Wille. Projects accomplished included live animal maintenance, curriculum development, attended the board and staff meetings; office recycling; attended Soil and Water meetings, attended Algona visioning meeting, attended Foundation meeting, helped with campground duty, served at the nature center on the weekend, led summer recreation fishing program, canoed river for safety check; stained prairie kiosk; POK advertising and event planning. School programs-0 for 0 students; Public programs-13 for 180 people; 17 Facebook posts were put out with 25,033 people reached and 2237 engaged.

The board was informed the KCCB did not attend the county fair booth this year as the plywood backing for the booth had been removed and staff did not have time to construct a new booth for the items planned to display.

Iowa DNR fisheries biologist Scott Grummer presented information on weed control options at Smith Lake including chemical control and lake dredging information. He also answered questions on the Smith Lake fishery and provided information on fish habitat options and watershed improvement options.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a pallet of rubber mulch for the outdoor playground at Smith Lake at a cost of \$769. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ramussen to approve the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Stumme requested approval of additional funds for the purchase of tables and chairs for the meeting room as the price had increased from the original estimate from December. A motion was made by Young and seconded by Eichenberger to approve an additional \$800. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the 34 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the September meeting at 5:30 on Monday the 12th.

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