

**Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
February 10, 2025 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Ristau

Guests Present:

Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was presented by Fosado for Wille: 3 public programs were given for 47 people; 37 school programs were given for 703 students, 4 other student programs was given for 40 students. Facebook posts included 17 posts with 11,598 reached and 4,098 engaged. Other accomplishments included attending board and staff meetings, attended Soil and Water meeting, picked up and returned the Star Lab, attended Wellness meeting, display team meeting, Julie attended IAN Ex com board meeting.

The KCCB staff held a zoom meeting with the wetland display team. Further discussion was held on the aquariums design and the sound features. The target date for installation/completion was the end of May.

Discussion was held on the 2025-2026 budget proposal. The director informed the board that the BOS had changed the health insurance rates by 15%. There was no change in the employee's contribution.

The board was informed the "Garage Sale" for the Schmidt Estate items will be held on the 21st and 22nd of February at the nature center meeting room.

The board reviewed the map of Smith Lake showing potential features and additions regarding the lake restoration project. No decisions were made.

Information was provided on County Ordinance #114-B regarding the use of ATV and UTV vehicles in Kossuth County parks. After discussion, a motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Miller to request amending the ordinance by striking the word "Park" in item #7 in Section 4-Unlawful Operation. This would allow ATV and UTV to be lawful on the roads in parks owned by the Kossuth County Conservation Board. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the March board meeting on Monday the 10th at 5:30 P.M. at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Eichenberger to approve the 21 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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