

**Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
February 13, 2023 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present:

Chairman Eichenberger called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report for January was submitted by Wille. Projects accomplished included live animal maintenance, curriculum development and office recycling, attended the monthly staff and board meeting, attended the Wellness and Foundation committee meetings. Julie participated in the Christmas Bird Count. School programs-35 for 685 students; Public programs-3 for 34 people; 0 civic programs. JCL event-ice fishing with 5 attending. 18 Facebook posts were put out with 27,342 people reached and 3,864 engaged.

As Mr. Schmidt was not in attendance at the meeting, no discussion was held on the land acquisition in Section 10 of Portland Township.

Information was presented on the purchase of a new HP desktop computer for the Maintenance Technician. The total cost of the computer with the required software was \$1,412.38. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Information was also presented on the purchase of a new IMAC 24 desktop computer for the Director. The total cost of the computer with the required software and warranty was \$1,804.85. A motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Ristau to approve the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Information was provided to the board on the possible addition of Wi-Fi service to the camp host sites at Smith Lake. The estimated cost of the equipment was \$1,500. After discussion, the board decided to not add this service.

The board approved of holding the March board meeting on Monday, the 13th at 5:30 pm at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the 25 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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