

**Kossuth County Conservation Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Water's Edge Nature Center  
February 8, 2021 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Rasmussen

Guests Present:

Vice-Chair Ristau 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 submitted by Wille. Projects accomplished included ordering signage for the new prairie root display, live animal maintenance, attended a wellness meeting, attended 3 zoom meetings, held bird feeder class, attended the Foundation endowment meeting and updated web site. Youth events-25 classroom programs-480 students: four field trips for 93 students; JCL event Orienteering for 11 students. 9 Facebook posts were put out with 3,862 people reached and 440 engaged.

The board was informed a new three-year contract had been negotiated with Waste Management for waste removal on county park areas.

The board was informed two changes had been made for the 2021-2022-budget proposal. The first request per the Board of Supervisors was to reduce the contingency line item on the nature center budget from \$5,000 to \$3,000. The second change was the correct health insurance information was included in the main budget. This information had not been available at the December board meeting. With the correct health insurance figures, the total tax appropriation amount requested for the main budget is \$507,708. The board approved the changes.

The board reviewed a bid from "Painting by Mont" for the exterior painting of the nature center. A motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Miller to approve the bid of \$15,750. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the March board meeting on Monday the 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the Water's Edge Nature Center meeting room.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Eichenberger to approve the 20 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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