

**Kossuth County Conservation Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Water's Edge Nature Center  
January 11, 2021 5:30 P.M.**

Present: Eichenberger; Miller; Rasmussen; Ristau  
Fosado; Stumme; Wille

Absent: Young

Guests Present:

Vice-Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was submitted by Wille. Projects accomplished included work on the prairie root display, live animal maintenance, and nature center recycling, attended 2 zoom meetings, and updated web site. Youth events-15 classroom programs-245 students. JCL event-Winter Survival for 11 students. 7 Facebook posts were put out with 2,880 people reached and 268 engaged.

The board was informed Teri Miller had been re-appointed to serve as District 4 board member at the January 4, 2021 Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Mr. Olsen who requested to be on the agenda regarding a crossing request at the Ledyard Row area did not show. No action was taken on the crossing request.

The board was presented information on the current camping facilities and rates, previous years revenues and proposed rates. After reviewing several rate options for the Siems Park campground, a motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Ristau to approve Option #2. This option included raising the electric site rate from \$12 to \$14 per night. The option also included offering a monthly rate option of \$325/month for sites numbered #19-#30. No changes were proposed for any of the other campgrounds. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was also held on the lottery draw for the 16 seasonal sites at the north campground at Smith Lake. The board approved of allowing the 2020 seasonal campers first chance at renewing their same camping sites held in 2020 for the 2021 camping season. Any unclaimed sites would be available to rent through a lottery draw held at the March meeting.

A motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Miller to approve the annual rotation of officers for 2021. The motion passed unanimously. The new officers are Chair-Megan Rasmussen: Vice-Chair-Tom Ristau and second Vice-Chair-Larry Eichenberger.

Discussion was held on the condition of the woodshed near the Sugar Shack located at the Smith Wildlife Area. Several options were discussed regarding the relocating or remodeling of the current facility as it is in need of attention. A motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Miller to keep any remodeling or new construction of the woodshed as near as possible to the current facility including keeping it the same size and in the same location. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the February 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 33 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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