

**Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
July 8, 2024 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present: Mary Ree

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was presented by Wille: 6 public programs were given for 186 people; 14 student programs for 320 students. The JCL event was camping with 12 attending. Facebook posts included 28 posts with 28,000 reached and 4,398 engaged. Other accomplishments included attending board and staff meetings, curriculum development, live animal maintenance, attended Soil and Water meeting, attended the Foundation meeting, attended a wetland zoom meeting, campground recycling and cleaned fishing line containers.

The board was updated on the Schmidt donation. Discussion was held on the status of Rod's property in Valentine, Nebraska. Mary Ree presented a plaque to be placed on the property.

The board was informed a used Jenkins brush cutter had been purchased from Deitering Bros., Inc. of Bancroft for \$5,400 instead of the new model for 7,800.

Discussion was held on the updated wetland display design and possible features. The board approved of meeting with McCullough Creative on Thursday, July 25 to review the new design. The meeting will be held at the nature center with the time to be determined.

The purchase of new electric boxes at Siems Park was tabled until a later meeting.

Discussion on the Crail land was tabled until a future meeting.

Stumme presented information on the repair or replacement of the water softener at the nature center. After discussion, a motion was made by Young and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the replacement expense of \$2,699.50 from Schumacher Well Drilling and Water Care. The motion passed with Young, Rasmussen, Eichenberger and Miller voting yes and Ristau voting no.

The board approved of holding the August board meeting on Monday the 12th at 5:30 P.M. at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the 44 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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