

**Kossuth County Conservation Board**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Water's Edge Nature Center**  
**June 12, 2023            5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present:

Chairman Eichenberger called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report for June was submitted by Wille. Projects accomplished included live animal maintenance, office recycling, attended the monthly staff and board meeting; SWCD meeting. School programs-28 for 766 students; Public programs-5 for 83 people; 12 other student programs for 229 students 0 civic programs. JCL event-Call Park with 4 attending. 18 Facebook posts were put out with 20,814 people reached and 2,652 engaged. The board was informed Angela Ressler had started as Naturalist Intern.

The board was informed construction was completed on the new north campsites and staff have been busy watering the trees and sod.

The board was informed the renovation of the north shelter restroom is progressing.

Discussion was held on the 2023 fair booth as staff had been informed the backing used for the booth had changed. The board directed to staff to attend the 2023 fair and construct backing for the displays as needed. Several board members also volunteered to assist in manning the booth.

Discussion was held on the current use and condition of the kiosk located in Stillman Prairie near the enclosed shelter at Smith Lake. After reviewing options, a motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve of tearing the kiosk down. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the repair or replacement of the TN75 tractor. Schmidt provided information on the estimated cost of repair and possible replacement options included trading for a used tractor or bobcat. The board requested additional quotes be obtained on the price of a used bobcat to be reviewed at a future meeting.

The board approved of holding the July board meeting on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the 61 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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