

Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
June 13, 2022 5:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Eichenberger

Guests Present: Bob Smith; Phil Shellenberg; Bob Tran; Mike Rahe; Bob Lappe

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ristau.

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

The guests present expressed concerns about the shoreline weed growth in Smith Lake and requested the board look into possible steps to improve shoreline-angling accessibility. A request was also made regarding additional restroom facilities in the park. The board took no action at this time.

The Naturalist report was submitted by Wille. Projects accomplished included live animal maintenance, attended the board and staff meetings; office recycling; attended Soil and Water meetings, attended Library planning meeting, attended county insurance meeting; completed paper work for summer intern. School programs-41 for 855 students; Public programs-2 for 18 people; 6 other student programs for 62 people; JCL event canoeing and campfire. 17 Facebook posts were put out with 15,028 people reached and 1440 engaged.

The board reviewed possible capital improvement projects. Measures to improve the water quality and control unwanted vegetation at Smith Lake was the major topic discussed. Director Stumme suggested inviting the local fishery biologist to attend a board meeting to provide information on the current fisheries management and possible weed control options. The board approved of this with the meeting date to be determined. No decisions were reached.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the 43 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the July meeting at 5:30 on Wednesday the 13th.

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