

Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
March 7, 2022 5:30 P.M.

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

Absent:

Guests Present:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Eichenberger and then later chaired by Chairman Ristau.

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

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, hosted an open house for the albino display, attended the Vision Algona meeting, set out buckets for tapping; School programs-26 for 534 students; Public programs-2 for 28 people; two other student programs for 21 people; JCL event-snow shoeing and orienteering. 11 Facebook posts were put out with 8,195 people reached and 645 engaged.

The board discussed the Smith Lake restroom renovation and reviewed new specs for the project which included a shower. The final design and specs will be reviewed and approved at a future meeting.

The board had four new campers who submitted applications for the Seasonal sites on the north sites at Smith Lake. The names were randomly drawn to offer the applicants the available sites. The applicants will be contacted for approval of their selected site.

The board was informed KCCB staff had reviewed the Seasonal Technician applicants and interviewed one candidate. Director Stumme recommended offering the position to Madison Beenken. After discussion, a motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Miller to approve offering the position to Madison Beenken. The motion also included a starting salary of \$17/hour with the option to increase it at a later date. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Stumme informed the board he had been contacted about a possible land donation by the Don Tietz Charitable Foundation for around 100 acres located in Sections 10 and 11 of Cresco Township. After reviewing the project and the restrictions requested by the current owners, the board decided to not pursue the acquisition.

A motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Young to approve the 27 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the April meeting at 5:30 on Monday the 11th.

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