

**Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
May 9, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

Present: Miller; Ristau; Young
Beenken; Stumme

Absent: Eichenberger; Rasmussen

Guests Present:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ristau.

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

Madison Beenken was introduced to the board as the new Seasonal Maintenance Technician.

The Naturalist report was submitted by Stumme for Wille. Projects accomplished included live animal maintenance, attended the board and staff meetings; office recycling; attended Soil and Water meetings, attended Algona Visionary transportation meeting meeting, attended Foundation meeting, attended county wellness meeting; hosted one public meeting at the shack; School programs-42 for 678 students; Public programs-3 for 66 people; 3 other student programs for 30 people; JCL event-cleanup. 14 Facebook posts were put out with 10,441 people reached and 631 engaged.

The board discussed the Smith Lake restroom renovation bid. A motion was made by Young and seconded by Miller to accept the bid from Hjelmeland Builders, Inc. of Algona for \$38,410. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the bid from American Glass Company of Algona for the replacement of two sets of double doors at the nature center. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the bid of \$16,500. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the bid from Reutzel Excavating Inc. of Burt for the removal of trees on the south perimeter of Smith Lake. A motion was made by Young and seconded by Miller to approve the bid of \$9,500. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be done in the fall of 2022.

The board reviewed the bid from Reid Louwagie of Algona for goat grazing to control woody invasion at the Smith Wildlife Area. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the bid for \$760 for approx. 2 acres. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the 35 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the June meeting at 5:30 on Monday the 13th.

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