

**Kossuth County Conservation Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Water's Edge Nature Center  
November 8, 2021 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present:

Board Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was submitted by Wille. Projects accomplished included live animal maintenance, attended the board, foundation and staff meetings; office and campground recycling; planned and hosted the District 2 County Conservation Board meeting, held the National Eagle Center program. School programs-40 for 1,124 students; 1 civic program for 6 people, Public programs-4 for 301 people; JCL event-checking wood duck nests boxes. 14 Facebook posts were put out with 14,471 people reached and 1389 engaged.

The board was informed the boat ramp at Plum Creek Dam had been repaired, new lights had been installed in the Smith lake shower house and construction was completed on the Patterson Wetland/dike repair project.

The board was informed the Kossuth County Conservation Board had been named as a beneficiary in the Lyle Bensen estate. Details on the amount and when the funds would be available were not known at this time.

The board reviewed the bids received for contract mowing of county areas in 2022. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Eichenberger to approved the following bids: Waller Mowing for Burt Lake Park at \$175/time; Jastal LTD for Devine Wildlife Area at \$89/time; Schindler Lawn Care for Michealsen Marsh at \$105/time and Siems Park for \$300/time. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the shelter rental rates for 2022. A motion was made by Ristau and seconded by Young to keep the rates the same as 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing the rental rates for the nature center meeting room, a motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ristau to keep the rates the same as 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, the board approved of disposing of the old Howard HE tiller.

Discussion was held on the campground fee collection procedure and possible ways to change and improve the way it is currently done. No decisions were made at this time.

Discussion was held on the new equipment budget for FY 2022-2023. No decisions were made.

The board approved of holding the December board meeting on Monday the 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the 25 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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