

**Kossuth County Conservation Board**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Water's Edge Nature Center**  
**October 7, 2024      5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present:

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was presented by Stumme for Wille: 4 public programs were given for 42 people; 35 school programs were given for 596 students, 28 other student programs were given for 869 students; Facebook posts included 18 posts with 20,044 reached and 2,992 engaged. Other accomplishments included attending board and staff meetings, curriculum development, live animal maintenance, co-hosted Outdoor Women's Day, attended Soil & Water meeting, attended county wellness meeting.

The board was updated on the Schmidt donation. Stumme informed the board the FSA rules have changed and now allow the KCCB to receive the CRP payments. No new information on the House in Valentine, Nebraska. The personal contents in the house on site had not been disposed of yet.

The board was informed the new wetland display is progressing and the final concept has been approved by KCCB staff. McCullough Creative will notify the conservation board of the next design steps and payment timeline.

Stumme informed the board the realtor for the Crail property of 128 acres had adjusted his asking price and was willing to negotiate with the board. After discussion, a motion was made by Young and seconded by Eichenberger to offer \$2,900/acre for the property for a total offer of \$371,200. The purchase offer was conditional with one of the conditions being the KCCB being approved for a wildlife habitat stamp grant. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a motion was made by Young and seconded by Eichenberger to apply for an Iowa DNR Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant for the purchase of the Crail acquisition and provide 45% of the asking price. The 128-acre tract is located 4.5 miles south of Algona in Sections 2 & 3 of Riverdale Township and Section 34 of Cresco Township. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the public use of the new Schmidt ground and possible restrictions for the public. No decisions were made.

The board approved of holding the November board meeting on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Eichenberger to approve the 30 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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