

**Kossuth County Conservation Board**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Water's Edge Nature Center**  
**October 10, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

Present: Eichenberger; Rasmussen; Ristau; Young  
Beenken; Fosado; Schmidt; Stumme; Wille

Absent: Miller

Guests Present:

Chairman Ristau called the meeting to order.

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

No naturalist report was given.

The board was informed the Iowa DNR Lake Restoration Program staff is available to meet with the KCCB staff and board to continue the discussion on possible improvements to Smith Lake. A tentative meeting date was approved of November 21. Meeting details to be determined at a later date.

The board was informed Navigator Pipeline has offered an easement amount of \$2,550 for the construction of the CO2 pipeline crossing the Ledyard ROW tract located in Section 19 of Ledyard Township. The easement area is approximately one tenth of an acre. The board took no action.

The board was presented information on proposed camping changes for the 2023 camping season. Items discussed included implementing a two-week stay limit, rate changes, additional camp hosts, implementing a credit card option and online reservation options.

After discussion, the board did not approve of changing the stay limit at this time.

A new rate proposal was presented which included the following rates: Smith Lake South, Siems Park and Burt Lake Park- all electrical sites at \$15/night and all tent camping sites at \$10 night. Under this proposal there would be no weekly or monthly rate at these park areas.

At the Smith Lake North camping area, the new proposed rates would be-\$20/night or \$500/month or \$2,000/season. The seasonal site holders would be determined by a lottery draw held in March. All 16 sites would be available for the 2023 camping season for those submitting an application. A motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Young to approve the 2023 rates as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on expanding the camp host program to include Smith Lake. More information on the specific duties and benefits of the camp host will be provided at a future meeting.

Discussion was held on implementing a reservation system along with a credit card payment option. Maintenance Technician Schmidt presented information on credit card processing through a company called Professional Solutions administered through Iowa State Bank in Algona. After reviewing the information, a motion was made by Eichenberger and seconded by Young to approve setting up the credit card payment system with the equipment needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on online reservations for KCCB services. Several options were discussed, but no decisions were made.

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Eichenberger to approve the 36 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the November meeting at 5:30 on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>.

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