

**Kossuth County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Water's Edge Nature Center
September 11, 2023 5:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:

Guests Present:

Chairman Eichenberger called the meeting to order.

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

The Naturalist report was submitted by Stumme for Wille. Projects accomplished included live animal maintenance, office recycling, campground recycling, attended the monthly staff and board meeting; attended the foundation meeting, attended two SWCD's meetings. School programs-0 for 0 students; Public programs-5; 2 other student programs for 19 students 0 civic programs. JCL event-none. 15 Facebook posts were put out with 9932 people reached and 1,125 engaged.

The board was informed that the paving has been completed at the nature center and shouldering would be completed this fall. Several parking lot line designs were reviewed. After discussion, the board approved of a design with approx. 68 stalls and two handicapped stalls with diagonal parking.

Stumme requested approval to spend an additional \$1,000 to order potted evergreen trees for the south campground at Smith Lake. The trees would arrive in April of 2024 and be planted on the south perimeter of the campground to replace trees removed last fall. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the tree purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the 2022-2023 Annual Report. The board approved it as presented.

Stumme presented information on upgrading the boat ramp at the Plum Creek Dam Area. The project included removal of the existing ramp and installing a new concrete ramp. The specs for the project and an estimated cost were reviewed. The estimated cost of the project was \$17,683. Stumme requested approval to apply for a Water Recreation Access Cost-Share (WRAC) grant through the Iowa DNR. If approved, the grant would pay for 75% of the cost of the project. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ristau to approve of applying for the (WRAC) grant. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the October board meeting on Monday the 9th at 5:30 pm at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Miller to approve the 38 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

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