Boone County Conservation Board Meeting June 14, 2021

Present: Tanner Scheuermann, Executive Director, Kaie Healy, Naturalist/Park Ranger, Greg Stotts, Marilyn Jordan and Pat Hagan

Hagan made motion to approve agenda, Jordan seconded, motion passed

Jordan moved to approve previous minutes, Hagan seconded, motion passed

Scheuermann reviewed the financial information and bills for the last month, Jordan moved to approved the bills, Hagan seconded, motion passed.

Scheuerman gave an update on the Trails Advisory Committee. He present the MOU that had been drafted. Stotts asked the question on how the financial breakdown was derived. Next month Scheuerman will have an update and present for approval.

Schueuramn also presented a copy of the Concept Statement presented to the Department of Transportation seeking an easement.

Katie Healy presented a written Naturalist Quarterly Update to the committee. She presented an outline of programs effecting over 600 participants. She said that she has an intern this summer, that has helped with the increase request for "in person" teaching events. Specifically she has been working with EDGE School Program, which resulted in obtaining grants, in cooperation with the students. She is also working with the Library on a Story Book walk. Post Covid activities have picked up significantly.

Scheuerman said we have been approached by Doug Muder on a possible land swap in the Buffalo Grove Wildlife area. It would be the swap of two parcels basically the same size. The board members felt it was worth pursuing Scheuerman will visit with the County Auditor and County Attorney for more specifics to present at a future meeting.

Scheuerman discussed post Covid restrictions on cabin reservations. The board agreed with implementing these changes consistent with what the Board Of Supervisors have approved and consistent with CDC guidelines.

Scheuerman gave a detailed update on the budget and projection through end of fiscal year. The Auditor was very appreciative for the detail. It appears we will end the fiscal year within budget.

In other discussion, Scheuerman has visited with Boone County Sheriff for clarification on law enforcement between Park Rangers and Boone County Sheriffs office. Updates were given on future activities, funding, staffing.

Jordan moved to adjourn, Hagan seconded, motion passed.

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Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary