

CRCPRA April Meeting

April 5, 2021

Meeting Started: 7:03 p.m.

Present: Kathy Stahl, Lee Boland, Mark Mosey, Paul Verdon, Keith Gilland, Jason Klukas, Sid Hoke, LeAnn Ralph,

- Review Minutes:
 - Paul Verdon motion to accept them, Mark seconds
 - All in favor
- CRCPRA Financials:
 - Seed cost: \$1600
 - Seeds will be planted this spring and will need to be planted quickly. Otherwise they will be planted late fall or winter.
 - Kiosk Display is up. Mark has begun adding current bird sitings on kiosk. Additional cost for kiosk was \$900.
 - Monthly report will be sent out to committee. We will receive the board financial report around the time of the town board meeting
- Committee officers
 - Has been over a year since we set officers in place. Would we like an election or vote?
 - Paul Verdon motioned to keep Kathy as President
 - Kathy motioned to keep Paul as Vice Chair.
 - All in favor
 - Treasurer? - Paul motioned to have Jason as treasurer.
 - Jason- Jason was unsure if there would be a conflict if he was on the board.
 - LeAnn- NO conflict for Jason because there is no benefit for him out of being treasurer just a good liaison between boards.
 - Jason will reassure position with board this month and will move forward from there.
 - Mark- Would there is a formal bill or anything that could list out our monthly expenses?
 - Invoiced to the town of Colfax
 - Kathy has been paying it and receiving a reimbursement.
 - However, Kathy has an exempt form from sales tax, but as of right now, no one has accepted the form without a number.
 - LeAnn- Unsure how to get the company to recognize the exemption sheet. LeAnn will run this problem past Lynn Niggemann to see how she would go about the problem.
 - Various businesses say they need a number to contact but the town of Colfax does not have an available number.
- Work Sessions updates:

- Keith- Last Saturday had a workday and got the kiosk and front portion very well cleared out.
- Would like to plan a work day for this coming Saturday to tackle the area between the road and the ponds to clear honeysuckle and buckthorn out.
- The portion we are looking to burn is pretty much ready to burn when the fire department is ready.
- Keith- Saturday at 1 will be next workday.
- Treat the stumps with spray when they start to branch out again.
- Moved small pine seedlings out the road, so when they grow, they will be a road block.
- In terms of fire and burning. There has not been a good time to get out there and burn. Burn bans are tampering the progress.
- Keith- Hoping rain will help out.
- Mark- hoping to plant seeds on the eastern side of the pond, but waiting for the burn.
- Keith- Is there a good way to share these work-days with the public? The Public is more than welcome.
- Kathy- Mark, Paul, and she may be able to share the message with the people to attract more public.
- Kathy- Facebook page may be helpful in expanding our message.
- Sid- Paul and Sid are in a group with Gina who has a high interest in helping and setting up a Facebook page and other resources (pictures and such) to help us spread the message.
- LeAnn- when we have the date and excerpt and possible Facebook set in place, LeAnn would be more than willing to post something in the Messenger to direct people to the Facebook page or work days.
- Mark- Put "fire wood for free, contact Kathy xx-x-xx to set up time to pick up firewood." on Kiosk.
- Tree Removal Plans
 - Contacted chipping guy and cannot get a hold of him
 - Sid- Talked to Grant and would just need to get out there and show him exactly what we want. \$3500 dollars a day, a couple of machines, 10-12 hour days. Would be willing to take and burn the wood.
 - Keith- tree study pretty much done, but burn does not need to be done right now.
 - Keith- How flexible is Grant on timing? Sid will contact him to see how far out he is. The month- and-a-half time line would be a good timeline.
 - Sid will contact him and get a July date set.
 - Lee- Motion to move this topic onto next month's meeting. All in favor.
 - Sid- Kathy and Sid will walk to property so Sid can accurately convey plans to Grant if that is the path we can take.
- Display Update/ Discuss and Confirm Property Use Guidelines
 - Thanks go to Mark Mosey for putting up birds that have been spotted.
 - Sid- Has heard all positives. Everyone is happy to see the kiosk up and the name.

- Signage will need to be put up.
- LeAnn- has made arrangements to get temporary signage up and laminated out there.
- Amendment to signage: Bicycles only allowed on paved roads. Signage does technically say this, but the sign is not clear in stating this rule. Sign will be updated to: **“No motorized vehicles, bikes, or horses beyond the entrance road.”**
- Paul- would change the no motorized boats, to electric motors only. “Electric boat motors, canoes, and kayaks only on Ferry Pond”
- Paul- do we want to discourage night use? Of course we do not want people to party out there. Sign should read, “No overnight use, day use only” even a possible closing at 10, and opens at 5.
- Kathy motions to say closed at 10, opens at 5. No overnight camping allowed.
- All in favor.
- Side note: they will be shocking this spring.
- Official Opening Planning
 - Ferry Family did have interest in doing a rock find, but could also be done in the summer.
 - Julia from stout who is a tree expert may be interested in taking people on a nature walk.
 - Keith- Paul ideas are ideal. Handouts for people, general welcome, and an event at a specific time could take place.
 - Paul- envisioning an open-house style event. Somewhere like 10-2. Could still have opening remarks and other handouts for people would be nice. Certain events taking place every hour could take place. People who were interested in that event would show up, take a handout and form it around the open-house.
 - Sid and Keith- open house is great idea. We could always schedule more events for later dates.
 - Dean’s talk and event would not be something to take place on the opening day. Would be better fit for the event later this summer.
 - LeAnn would be willing to do handout on brief history of property.
 - Paul would be willing to do handout on hunting and fishing.
 - Keith would be willing to do handout on restoration and invasives handout.
 - Sid would be willing to talk about or do handout on volunteers to personally recognize them.
 - Mark would be willing to do handout on students involved through the high school.
 - Kathy would be willing to do handout on birds.
 - Table for handouts will be needed.
 - Sid- votes no for refreshments- all in favor.
 - Hours- 10-2 on May 8th.
 - Last minute details and brochure deadlines: May 3rd.
- Trail Benches

- Sid- not 100% sure on what they are going to donate and what they are not going to donate. Having some inventory shortage.
- Sid will include possible memorial benches in the Volunteer talk.
- Lee- No real hurry on the benches. Early in the summer would be nice but other than that, when we get them, we get them.
- The strip on pines towards the northeast area would be a great picnic area for picnic tables.
- Would probably have to secure picnic tables with screws and other stuff.
- Fair ground FFA stand picnic tables might be available. Mr. Mosey will keep in touch with Tiffany to keep us updated on the availability of the benches.
- More people may be more willing to help after the open house.
- Mark- would we like a Leopold bench on display at the open house just so families can see for donating purposes.
- Tabled wildlife sightings log
- Public comments:
 - N/A
- Meeting time next month: 7 pm May 3rd.
- Agenda for next month: finalizing open house, trail benches, wild life sightings log, pond shocking updates, Work sessions, further events, financial updates/ finalized treasurer.
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.