

CRCPRA Management Committee Minutes

7 December 2020

7:00 PM

GATE UPDATE:

*Ashely and Sid met and planned to start this week. Measured each gate site and contacted diggers hotline. Machine to set posts is on site

*Discussed whether to remove guardrail gate and it was decided to discuss further at a later date

*ATV gate is in place

STEVE RILEY RECOGNITION AS GOOD NEIGHBOR

*We agreed to give him \$50 gift card for fuel and a quart of maple syrup. Paul will deliver personally.

COST REIMBURSEMENT

*Do we want to set up a system for reimbursement for costs we incur during project work?

*Colfax Township will have a CRCPRA account set up once grant comes in.

WORK SESSIONS

*Our first work session on 5 December 2020 (1PM-all the embers were out) attracted 12 volunteers. Invasives were removed, treated and burned along the trail that parallels the canal.

*19 December 2020 (12-5?) session removed and treated Siberian elm and honeysuckle and barbed wire (not treated). Sign posts at each gate site were also set. 9 volunteers participated.

*9 January 2021 is our next planned work day.

SIGNAGE

*get display ideas from Sarah Norman of Landmark. Consider fading, interactive, chalkboards, box with notebooks inside?

*subcommittee: Mark, LeeAnn, and Kathy

*consider aerial view of property boundary and trails and sign for bathroom at Felland Park

PRAIRIE RESTORATION PLANNING

*Colfax Volunteer Fire Dept. will be willing to burn.

*Keith will locate plots with Stout students and identify what vegetation is on the east side prairie remnant.

*Possible timeline: burn Fall of 2021, herbicide, and seed December 2021

*this timeline will allow us to fundraise prior

*Caitlin Negorka, USFWS will be invited to our next meeting (4 January 2021) to provide expertise on our prairie restoration planning.

*The 3 acres parcel adjacent and east of the pond will be restored by the Colfax High School Global Science students. Possible spring 2021 burn and planting is under consideration.

XC TRAIL TRACKER

*Adam Rogge from Hickory Ridge Recreation Area has been contacted to get pictures of the tracking equipment they use to groom their trails.

OTHER GROUPS INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED

* Mike Dombrowski, coach of the Colfax Ice Fishing team has expressed interest in getting involved with CRCPRA, particularly future pond projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Keith impressed with the work we have done to date.

*consider seating along trail (Leopold style, picnic table, split log benches)