

6 July 2021  
CRCPRA Management Committee  
Meeting minutes

Committee members present:

Kathy  
Lee  
Mark  
Paul  
LeAnn

1. June minutes approved as read.

**2. Financial:**

- a. USFWS does not have financial support for property projects at this time
- b. West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning does have funding available from corporate sources
- c. We need to consider looking to funding sources for upcoming projects at CRCPRA

**3. Benches and plaques:**

. 2 benches constructed by Sid have been placed, one on east side of pond and the other along the river on north side. Blue Ribbon Award can make recognition plaques for benches at \$15. Committee felt this was a good price.

**4. Volunteer recruitment:**

. We need to advertise in local newspaper(s) to seek out volunteers and donors for benches.

**5. Brochures:**

. Discussion of a different system for storing brochures. Currently, a backpack houses our informational brochures and is located on the back side of the kiosk. Trail maps are located in a box on the left side of the kiosk.

**6. Bike racks and car parking:**

. There are a variety of bike rack designs out there, some are very simple. Perhaps Anderson Bridge could create a simple rack that would tie into the look of our gates.

Vehicle parking near the culvert has been problematic on occasion. There is a need for a "5 minute parking for unloading and loading" sign.

**7. Property boundaries:**

. Orv Larson: Kathy and Dean tried contacting by phone but calls not returned

Mark has not been in contact with Bill Yingst of the School District of Colfax.

**8. Rob Strand meeting re east property restoration, June 15th:**

- . Keep stump sprouting in mind when cutting cottonwoods
- a. Early successional floodplain forests (cottonwood, elm, and river birch) are rare and saw the need to preserve where they occur.
- b. Stressed the importance of “choosing your battle” when we plan our approach to management (aspen will want to continue to take over; keep future generations in mind when we are not around to continue management; keep soil type and moisture regime of area in mind during restoration, etc.)
- c. Rob felt the back area (north east corner) has the most potential for restoration.
- d. Need to feather the edges along the trail. Maybe consider planting wildlife shrubs to offer a transition from prairie to the woods edge.
- e. We can be aggressive on the ash.
- f. Discussed the use of a FECON (rotary carbide blades mounted on a skid steer). Does take all out but it may disturb the site...which we wanted to stay away from.
- g. “Iowa Bob” works with the DNR for their clearing/restoration projects.
- h. FABCO does rent these units.

**9. Summer activities:**

- . Bioblitz: consider conducting in the Spring of 2022.
- a. Rock Day with Dean Ferry? Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.
- b. Fishing Event hosted by United Way did not take place.

**10. Tube/Kayak launch:**

- . Paul was going to find out if we do need a permit. Brushing could be done prior.

**11. Public comment:**

- . We agreed that we would skip an August meeting. Paul felt we had a very productive year with many projects finished and a tremendous public response/use since the opening of the CRCPRA!

**12. September 7th, 2021 next meeting**