

CRCPRA Committee Meeting Minutes
6 October 2020

Present: Kathy, Lee, Mark, Keith, Paul, Sid

- **Prairie restoration discussion:** Habitat Restoration grant to aid in attaining our goals for the east block of property; Colfax students to collect little blue stem, side oats, gramma, switch grass, and big bluestem seed for future planting; Keith offered to work with his students to work on invasive plants along trail west of ponds; Lee suggested we stay in contact with Tyler to mow fire break around the field the county graded and seeded in sweet clover to prep for future burn and restoration; we all agreed our vision for the east block prairie would be more savannah, therefore significant tree removal is in order (early December workday will be planned); small cottonwood near the 2 areas Kathy seed in spring of 2020 could be cut anytime so seeding can be expanded; 2 small stands of oak in the center and southern part of the east parcel are worth looking at to consider saving;
- **16 August 2020 Hike:** we all felt the hike with DNR wildlife biologist Missy Sparrow was valuable for her professional advice on the property
- **Trail mowing by Steve Riley:** the trail around the perimeter of the property has been mowed and it looks great; a letter of appreciation to Steve would be a nice gesture; if we can keep Steve on board for future mowing we would offer him a gift card for his fuel costs (Paul)
- **Horses on the trail:** there is evidence of horse use on the newly mowed trail; most K-N properties to not allow for horse use; general consensus by all is that we are not in favor and that we need to discuss this more; entry gates should be wide enough for human access on foot only
- **Gates (Sid):** Anderson Bridge will be installing gates within the next 2-3 weeks starting with the 2 on the west side
- **Xc ski trail groomer/grooming:** trail is wide enough to allow for snowshoeing and cross country ski trail; Paul suggested parts could use some leveling; Mark will talk to Jamie Buccholz, tech ed teacher at CHS re a the construction of a groomer that can be pulled by a

snowmobile; Sid suggested getting Colfax snowmobile club involved to volunteer to groom

- **Kiosk:** K-N would like a design/location for the sign that will greet visitors to the CRCPRA; Noah Smith will design and construct; Sid was wondering if holes could be pre-drilled for Noah's sign when Anderson is there installing gates?; contact Landmark for signs used on their other properties for ideas for ours

Agenda items for next meeting:

- **Prairie restoration**
- **Seed harvest**
- **Xc groomer**
- **Garbage cans at the entrance (who should empty?)**