

7 September 2021  
CRCPPRA minutes

Management Committee present:

Keith Gilland  
Lee Boland  
Paul Verdon  
Mark Mosey  
Kathy Stahl  
LeAnn Ralph

1. Minutes: accepted as read.
2. Treasurer's Report: (Kathy will forward monthly expense reports to each member)
3. Quorum: Wondering about Scott Gunnufson's absence from monthly meetings. No one had heard from him. We will need a replacement for him as a representative from the Colfax Village Board. Paul suggested Jeff Prince and would touch base with him to see if he is interested.
4. Work Day: scheduled for 10 September 2021 (Friday), 10:30AM
  - a. Xcel Energy is sending a team to help with invasive species control
  - b. Sara Norman from Landmark Conservancy will also be there
  - c. Keith, Kathy, and Mark will be crew leaders
5. Other workday: 25 September 2021, 1:00PM
  - a. LeAnn will run an article in Messenger asking for volunteers
  - b. Work on establishing picnic area in the pines along entry road and continue with Siberian elm and buckthorn removal
  - c. Consider snowshoe trail layout
  - d. Word of mouth and kiosk whiteboard is also being used to invite new volunteers.
6. Native Habitat Expansion Strategy:
  - a. There is a need to develop a long-term Management Plan
  - b. We may need to break up the eastern part of the property into manageable units
  - c. Need to collect seed to offset cost of prairie/oak savanna restoration
  - d. Establish a shareable Google drive site where management team can enter their ideas and the public can view but not edit
  - e. Paul suggested we meet on site so we can visualize our plans in lieu of online map work. This knowledge gained can then be mapped.
  - f. Keith will send each a current map of the area that we can add our ideas for management plan (snowshoe trail, picnic area, restoration units)

7. Asphalt removal:
  - a. The asphalt beyond the easternmost gate is problematic since it only grows spotted knapweed despite multiple seeding attempts.
  - b. Would Tyler consider bringing in the grader with the ripping teeth lowered to break up the asphalt?
  - c. What would be done with the asphalt?
  - d. Restoration could then continue with removal of asphalt.
  
8. Tree removal:
  - a. Much opportunity for hand work to remove cottonwood, ash, elm, etc. on the eastern portion of CRCPRA.
  
9. Volunteer recruitment:
  - a. Article in newspaper, kiosk reminders, word of mouth have been used to recruit.
  - b. NHS members from Colfax, local users (Mike Kiekhafer and sons, Nick Kressin, others have been invited too)
  
10. General Updates/Observations:
  - a. East gate left lock damage
  - b. Deer apples dropped off to the left of this gate
  - c. Minimal trash in parking areas. If we see it, pick it up!
  - d. Use is increasing with the Fall season upon us (great temps for walking, early waterfowl season, small game, and bow deer opening soon)
  
11. Adaptive Access:
  - a. Aluminum benches for adaptive fishing pier were acquired for a good price. Will be kept in storage until needed.
  
12. River Access:
  - a. A path has been cleared to the river near the Norton property.
  - b. Work continues on securing the needed permits to establish a canoe/kayak launch site.
  
13. Bike racks:
  - a. Many simple designs out there.
  - b. Put on next month's agenda.