

# **Griffin Family Nature Preserve**

Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2005

## **Present at the Meeting:**

Joe Wiehe, Jim Owens, Joe Bothe, Doug Lohmeier, Pat Casey

## **Topics Discussed:**

- Reviewed meeting minutes from November 17, 2005
- Wildflower discussion
  - Decision was made to keep the flowers back from the trail with a grass border. Will not plant flowers right up to the trail.
  - Grass border also allows for trail with end loader or other large equipment to circumnavigate the trail as necessary.
  - Joe Bothe (Bo) will look to plant some wild prairie grasses in a trial area. The grasses will not be planted in and among the flowers.
- Joe Asbrock will set an appointment with naturalists approximately Jan 4-6, 2006
- Trail for James Owens eagle project to be a mowable path.
- Adletta is scheduled to install headwall in creek the week of 12/19 or 12/26.
- Bo reports the Wildflower Path is 1430 feet long and the flowers cover an area approximately 1.5 acres.
- Trail maintenance was discussed as a topic to bring up in future meetings to establish plans for maintaining the trails on the preserve.

## **Action Items:**

- Maintenance to install plastic cover on signboard & post guidelines.
- Maintenance to make and install 12"x20" Horncastle signboard & post guidelines.
- Adletta to install headwall.
- Joe Asbrock to contact NRCS rep. and set up meeting to discuss plans for biological maintenance of the preserve in regard to the best plants and trees for the property as well as what should be removed.
- Joe Asbrock and scouts to install a duck box in the pond area.

## **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, January 18, 2005 6:00 PM