

Draft Minutes

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 Tuesday December 6, 2011 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Dave Carroll, Bill Moody and Gary Soper. Attending from the public was Bruce Plomborg. Also present was Board staff members Jim Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved upon a motion by Carroll, second Blocker, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims were reviewed and approved by the Board. Revenue and current fiscal year budget information was presented to the Board.

Current grants were reviewed by the Board. Two Fish Habitat Grants had been submitted and will be reviewed and scored at the District VI meeting being held the following day in Cedar County. Information was provided to the Board on the National Scenic Byway Grant that had been prepared by RC& D for the Columbus Property Education and Visitor Center. The grant request is for 1.3 million dollars and had been submitted by the December 7, 2011 grant application deadline. Notification on funding will be approximately eight to twelve months. Cost projections for the project were 2,342,037.00. Should the Nation Scenic Byways Grant be approved, the Board will have to raise a projected 1,042,037.00 through other grants and private funding.

The Board discussed submitting a grant for continued engineering and architecture work for the Columbus Project from the Allamakee County Community Foundation. The grant is due February 1, 2012. A motion was made to prepare and submit an Allamakee County Community Foundation Grant for \$10,000.00 by Blocker, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

Budgets for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year were discussed by the Board. Budget worksheets had not been dispersed by the Auditors office. Once budget worksheets are provided the Director will complete a draft budget and forward to the Board prior to the January 3, 2012 Board Meeting. The Board discussed the need to add a full time position. The position will be a combination environmental education/office manager position. The Director will work on a salary range and job description.

Informational items discussed by the Board included dumping on the Postville Trail Line snowmobile trail, the Board assisting with a Snowmobile Safety Class, Allamakee County Snow Blazers not being allowed on Iowa DNR Wildlife Areas, and Russ Hagen on volunteering at Rossville Park to improve flower beds.

The next Board meeting will be held in the Board Office at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday January 3, 2012. There being no additional business a motion was made by Carroll to adjourn the meeting, second Blocker, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.