

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday July 5, 2011 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Dave Carroll, Dave Duncklee, Bill Moody and Gary Soper. Present from the public was Bruce Palmberg, and Conservation Board Staff Members Jim Janett and Jarrod Olson.

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

Current fiscal year budget summaries, revenues, and claims were reviewed by the Board. The Board reviewed the ending 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Ending balance which ended with a balance of \$1,446.91.

The Board discussed the updated information on purchasing a new truck. The price increase for the 2012 from the 2011 truck was \$1,623.00. The price was \$796.00 less than next considered bid price. Torkelson's Motors also decreased the value of the Dodge 2004 truck by \$500.00 due to increase mileage since the original price quota. The Board instructed the Director to proceed with the purchase of the 2012 Dodge truck and to have the bed liner factory spayed.

The Conservation Board had dropped their cell phone contract in March 2011. Staff members were using their personal phones for work. The Director personally had paid a prorated fee of \$34.95 when the cell phone service was dropped. The Board will allow the fee to be reimbursed to the Director. Cell phone usage of both staff members was discussed. A motion was made by Blocker to allow a \$50.00 per month reimbursed to the Director and \$15.00 per month to the Assistant Director. The payment will be made every six months. It is understood between the Board and Staff Members that should employment be discontinued during the six month period, the staff member will reimburse the Board the prorated balance of the six month payment. Second Duncklee, all in favor, motion carried.

Cost associated with providing water and sewer to the Columbus Property was discussed by the Board. The Board had received a grant from the Allamakee County Community Foundation for researching the design and cost associated with providing water and sewer on site compared to the cost of possibly hooking up to City of Lansing services. IIW Engineering from Dubuque Iowa had been retained by Allamakee County recently to complete design work on the Great River Road for the MRT (Mississippi River Trail) and had also designed the newly constructed waste water treatment plant for the City of Lansing. Since some of the necessary cost estimate work has been completed by IIW Engineers for the other two projects, the Board felt it should be a cost saving to the Board to have IIW complete the cost estimates on the design and construction costs on both options for hooking up water and sewer at the Columbus Bridge Property. A motion was made by Duncklee to contact IIW Engineering for cost estimates on providing water and sewer to the Columbus Property, second Blocker, all in favor, motion carried. The Director will provide IIW Engineering a scope of work to be completed and have IIW present a cost estimate for services at the August 9th Board meeting.

Updates were provided to the Board on the possible land donation at the Morgan Bridge on the Upper Iowa River. A map had been provided to the owner showing the amount of land to be donated. The area to be donated is less than one acre. The donation was going to be discussed by the family and the Director will follow up regarding their feelings on the proposed donation. The Director noted to the

Board that it would be necessary to have the Zoning Board approve the proposed donation since the area will be less than three acres.

The Board moved to have the August Board meeting on Tuesday August 9, 2011 due to staff and Board Member schedule conflicts.

The Board discussed the Postville Trail Line and the status of reaching an agreement with the landowners on the use of the property. The Director informed the Board that he will seek counsel in the best manner to settle the usage of the property.

Other information items discussed by the Board included any Board Members interested in attending the IACCB Annual Conference being held in Buchanan County, the trail derailment at Nobles Island, construction of the shelter house at the County Home, pond dike repair at the County Home, earthwork to be completed at Stone Brook Park, and getting on the City of Lansing City Council agenda to discuss the possibility of providing services to the Columbus Bridge Property.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Blocker to adjourn the meeting, second Duncklee, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.