

## Draft Minutes

### Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 Tuesday November 1, 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. Attending from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors was Sherry Strub. Attending from the public was Bruce Plomborg and RC&D Staff Members Lora Friest, Jared Nielsen and Mallory Marlatt. 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 Blocker, second Duncklee, all in favor, motion carried.

REAP per County and per capita revenues for 2012 had been received and deposited in the REAP account totaling \$11,096.00.

Updates were provided to the Board on the Zoll Property donation. The survey work for the plat had been ordered and should be completed by Erickson Land Surveying in the near future. The Board discussed fencing concerns from an adjoining landowner. The Board advised the Director not to complete or agree to any fencing agreements until the donation is complete.

Staff Members from RC&D discussed the Allamakee County Driftless Area Scenic Byway program. The main focus of the presentation was the opportunity for RC&D to apply for one grant free of charge for the Driftless Area Scenic Byway. Having RC&D apply for a National Scenic Byways Grant for the development of the Education and Visitor Center at the Columbus Bridge Property was discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Blocker to proceed with RC&D writing a Scenic Byway Grant for the Columbus Property, second Duncklee, all in favor, motion carried. The grant proposal will be placed on the Allamakee County Driftless Area Scenic Byways Board agenda for approval. The Byways Board will meet prior to the Conservation Board's December meeting. The Director was instructed to get on the agenda for the Allamakee County Board of Adjustments in the near future. The use of funds from the Allamakee County Community Foundation Grant was discussed by the Board. A balance of \$2,700.00 remained from the \$6,000.00 grant. The additional funds will be used to provide additional planning on the Columbus Project from Mohn Surveying & Engineering and Martin Architecture.

The Conservation Board noted the latest letter from Bill Burke of Lansing, Iowa concerning the need for additional planning for different building locations in the Lansing area besides the Columbus Property. No action was taken.

Board Members will submit mileage at the December meeting.

Department operational items were discussed by the Board. Items included education program summaries, water heater replacement in the shop, work completed at the Stone Brook Property, and closing up facilities for winter.

The next Board meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday December 6, 2011 in the Board Office. There being no additional business a motion was made by Duncklee to adjourn, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

