

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 Tuesday February 7, 2012 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. Also present was 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.

Claims were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget was reviewed, discussed, and approved by the Board. A motion was made by Soper to approve a minimum 3% salary increase for the Director and Assistant Director, if the Supervisors approve more than 3% the staff salary increase should reflect the amount approved by the Supervisors over 3%, second Carroll, all in favor motion carried. The Board discussed requesting funding for a full-time Naturalist / Office Assistant position for the Conservation Department. The Board increased the part-time salary position line item from \$13,000.00 to \$25,000.00. The Board plans to fill the naturalist position with a temporary part-time position with out benefits. The person in the position will develop and implement environmental education programs in Allamakee County Schools and for the general public. The Board will evaluate the program and determine the success of the program in the future. The Summary of four part-time positions allows for one 640 hour position at \$10.00 per hour, two 560 hour positions at \$8.00 per hour, and one part time naturalist for 800 hours at \$12.00 per hour. The Board instructed the Director to forward the proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Conservation Board Member appointment by the Board of Supervisors was discussed. The Director informed the Board that three individuals had submitted their names for consideration; Marilyn Clark, Frank Goltz, and Paul Melsha. The Director had been in contact with Supervisor Larry Shellhammer and thought the item will be placed on the Supervisors Agenda for consideration in the near future.

A draft letter from the Conservation Board to the Board of Adjustments for consideration on a variance for parking on County Road Right of Way was reviewed by the Board. The Board will move forward with the request once the parking cross section work is completed.

Board members elections were held for the 2012 year. A motion was made by Moody to have Dennis Blocker serve as chairperson, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Moody to have Dave Carroll serve as vice chairperson, second Soper, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the dynamite shed at the County Home Park. The building is the last building from the original county home site and is in need of repair. A price had been obtained for placing steel on the building totaling \$1,800.00. The Board discussed whether the building should be removed or preserved. No decision was made and the Board instructed the Director to further investigate options.

Shelter house construction design options were discussed by the Board. Different styles of partial stone columns were discussed by the Board. The Director will further research options for stone columns and obtain pricing.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Carroll to adjourn, second Soper, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15. P.M.